

# **TeV Emission from the Plerion formed by the Massive Black Hole at the Galactic Center**

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# Galactic Center Region at 90 cm (330 MHz)

Nonthermal radio-emitting filaments  
features

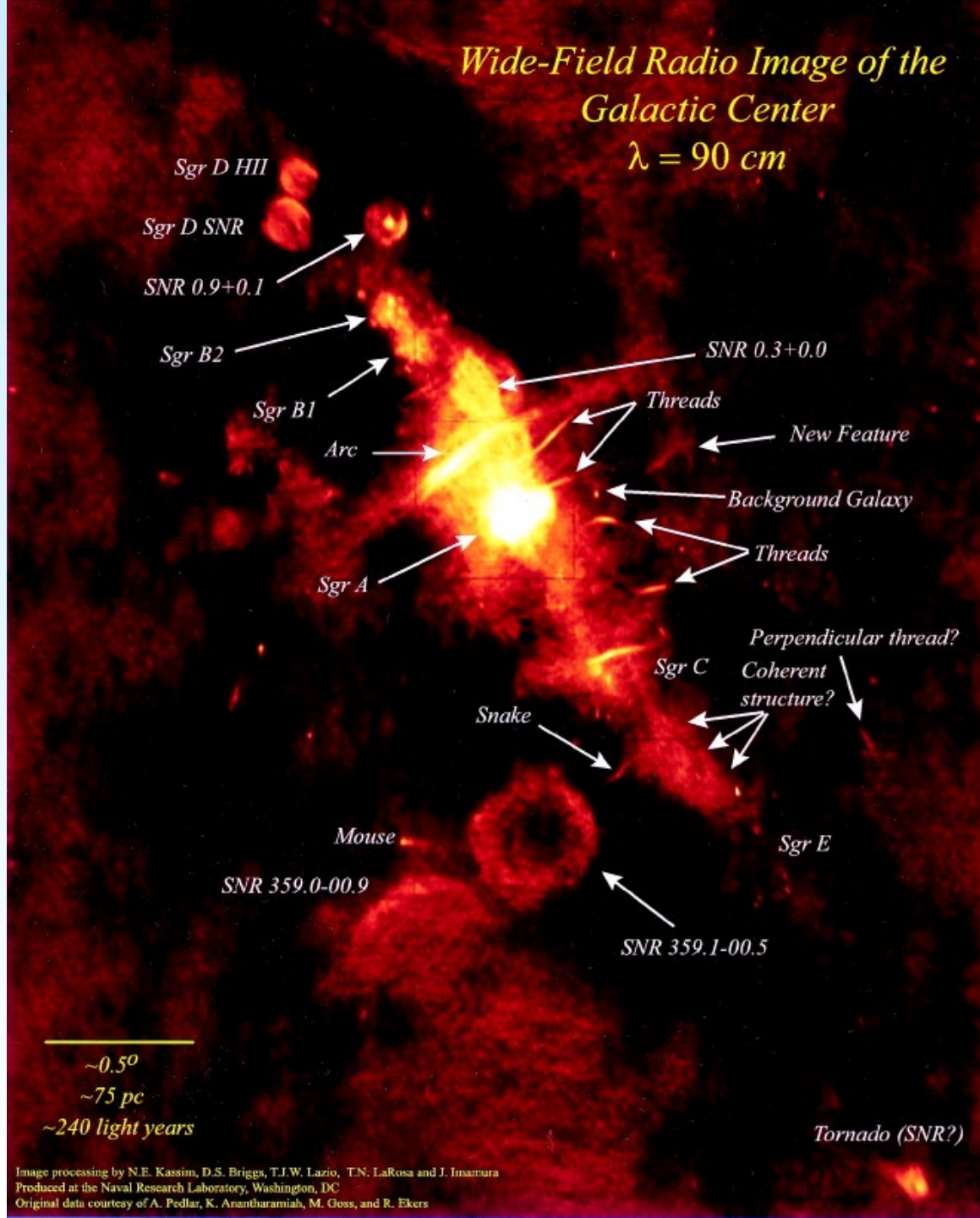
Large scale magnetic  
fields and  
relativistic electrons

SNRs, HII regions

Poloidal magnetic field  
within  $\sim 100$  pc of  
nucleus

Sgr A\*: compact radio  
sources at nucleus  
of Milky Way

LaRosa et al.  
(2000)

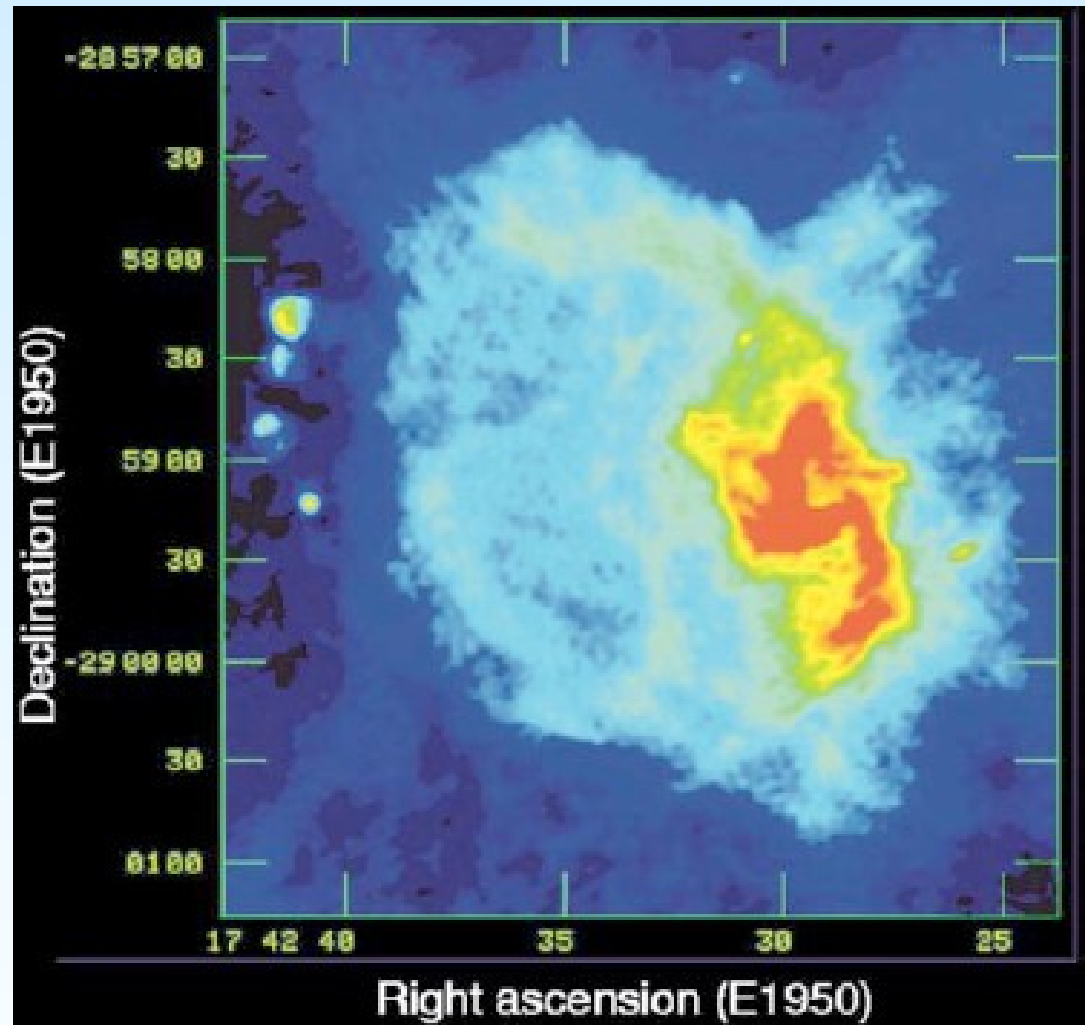


## Inner Sagittarius region ( $4^\circ \times 3^\circ$ , or $9.3 \times 7$ pc)

**Sgr A East** (blue):  
extremely energetic  
( $\approx 10^{52}$  ergs) region  
occurring  $\approx 50,000$  yrs  
ago from chain of  
SNRs, a GRB, or star  
swallowed by BH.  
Diffuse X-ray emission.

**Sgr A West** (red): Gas and  
dust streamers ionized  
by stars and spiraling  
around the Galactic  
center, possibly  
feeding the nucleus.

**Sgr A\*:** A bright compact  
radio source at  
intersection of the  
arms of the Sgr A West



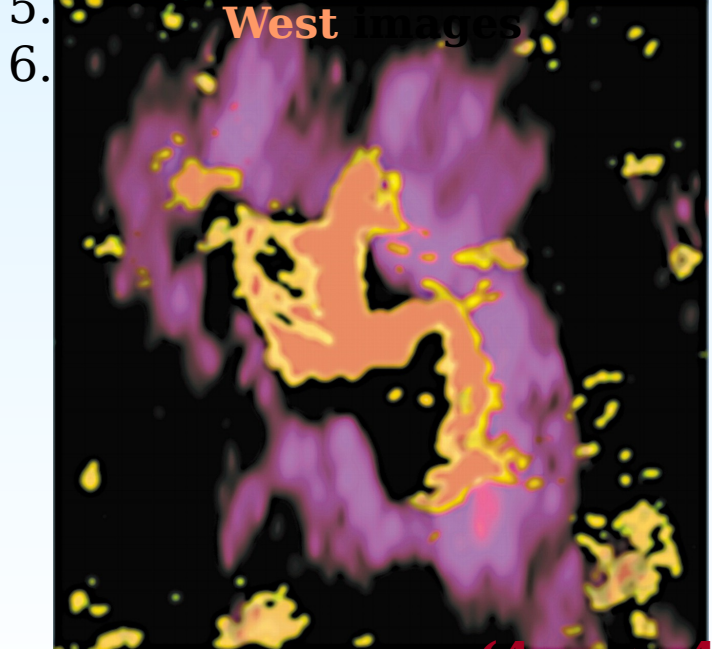
**6 cm VLA radio of Sgr A East and Sgr A West**

(Yusef-Zadeh, Melia, & Wandle 2000)

## Inner few parsecs

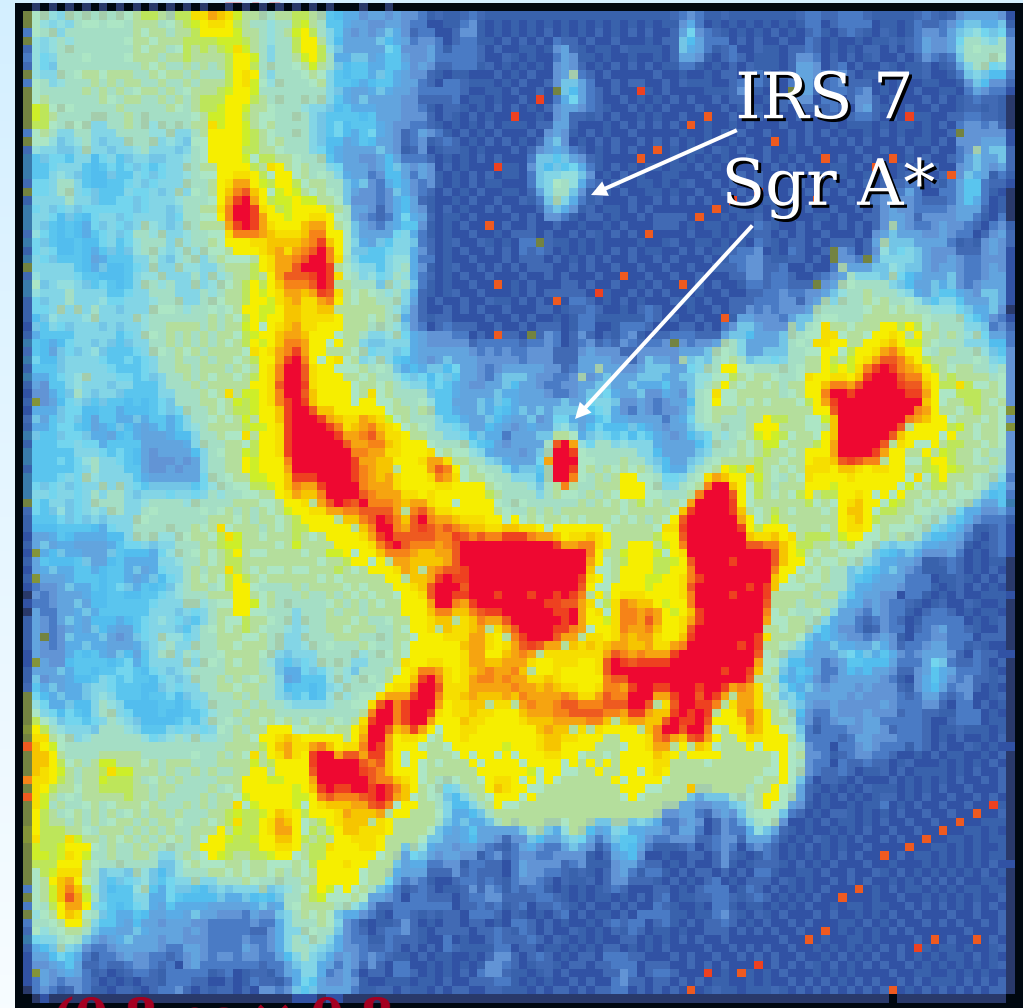
1. Molecular dusty ring (circumnuclear disk: CND)
2. Three-arm spiral of ionized gas and dust streamers (Sgr A West)
3. Evolved and young star clusters
4. Diffuse hot gas

HCN CND and 1.2 cm Sgr A West images



(Wright et al. 1993)  $(4 \text{ pc} \times 4 \text{ pc})$

## 2 cm VLA radio of Sgr A



$(0.8 \text{ pc} \times 0.8 \text{ pc})$

(Yusef-Zadeh & Wardle 1993)

# Massive Black Hole at the Center of the Milky Way Galaxy

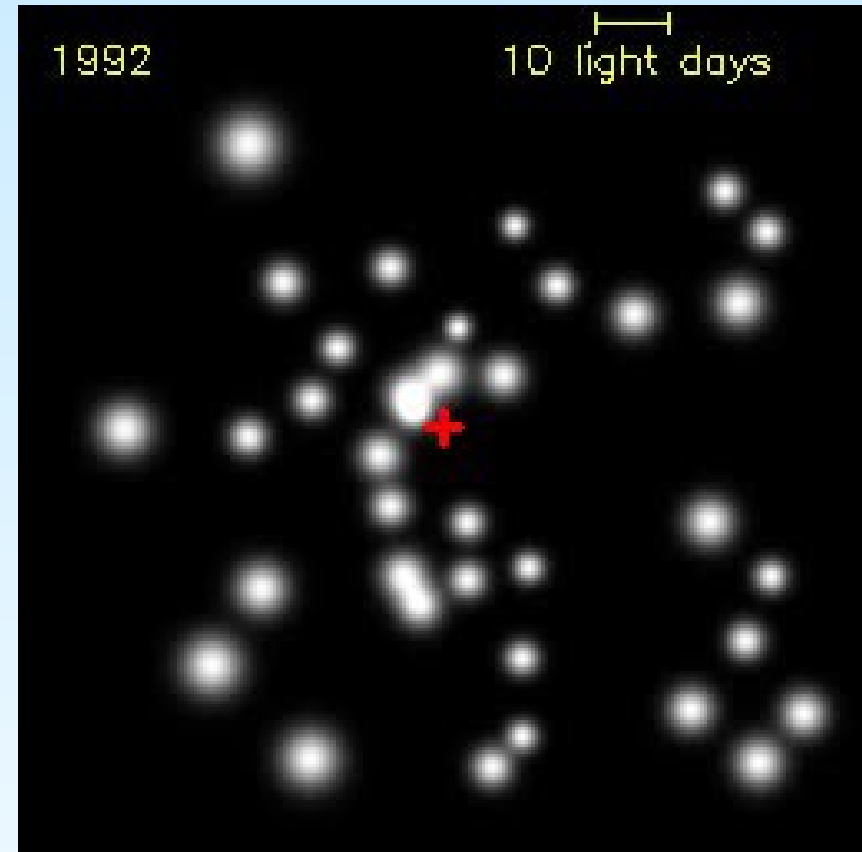
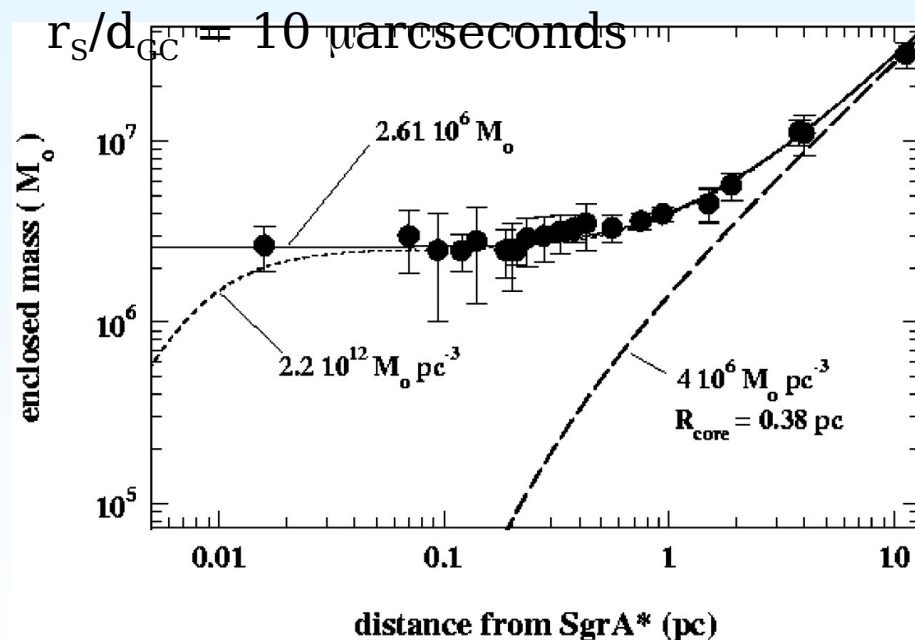
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1 arcsec = 0.04 pc = 46 lt-days ( $d_{GC} = 8$  kpc)

NIR speckle imaging techniques

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R. Genzel, et al.

(2004)

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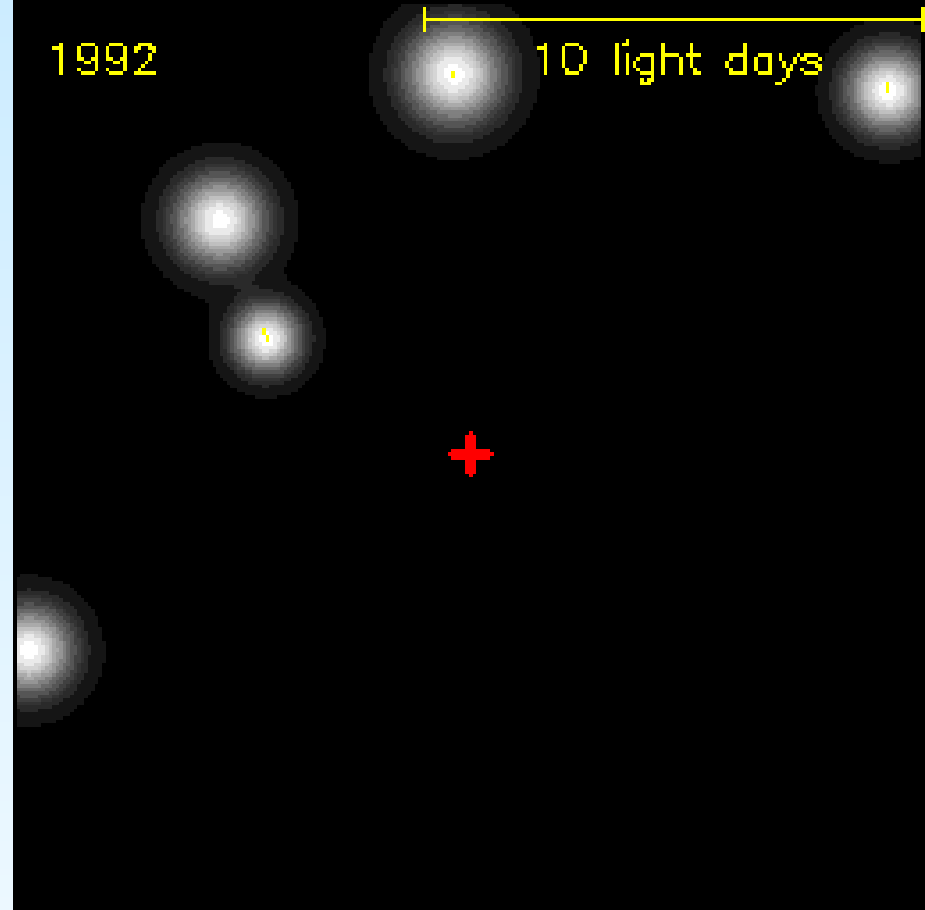
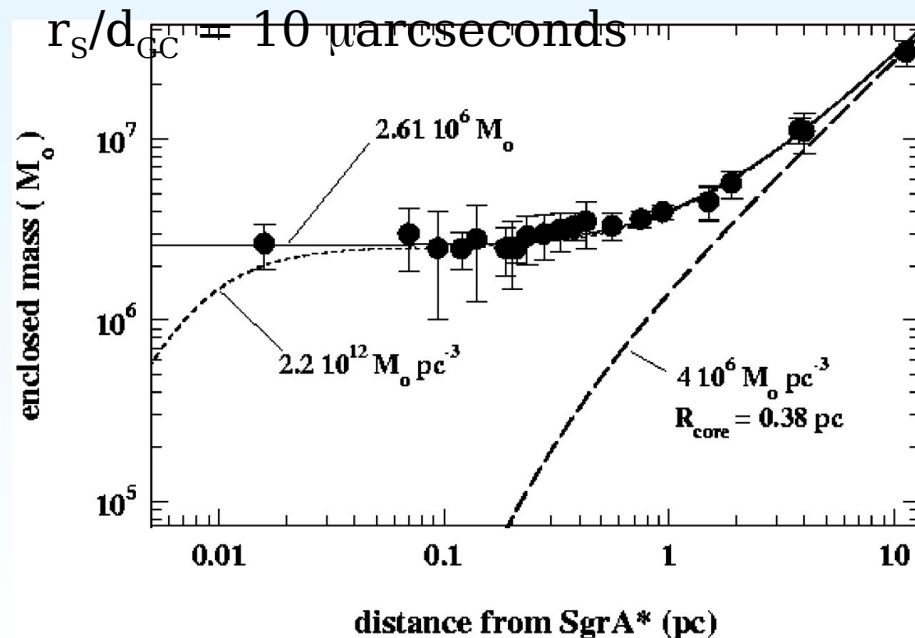
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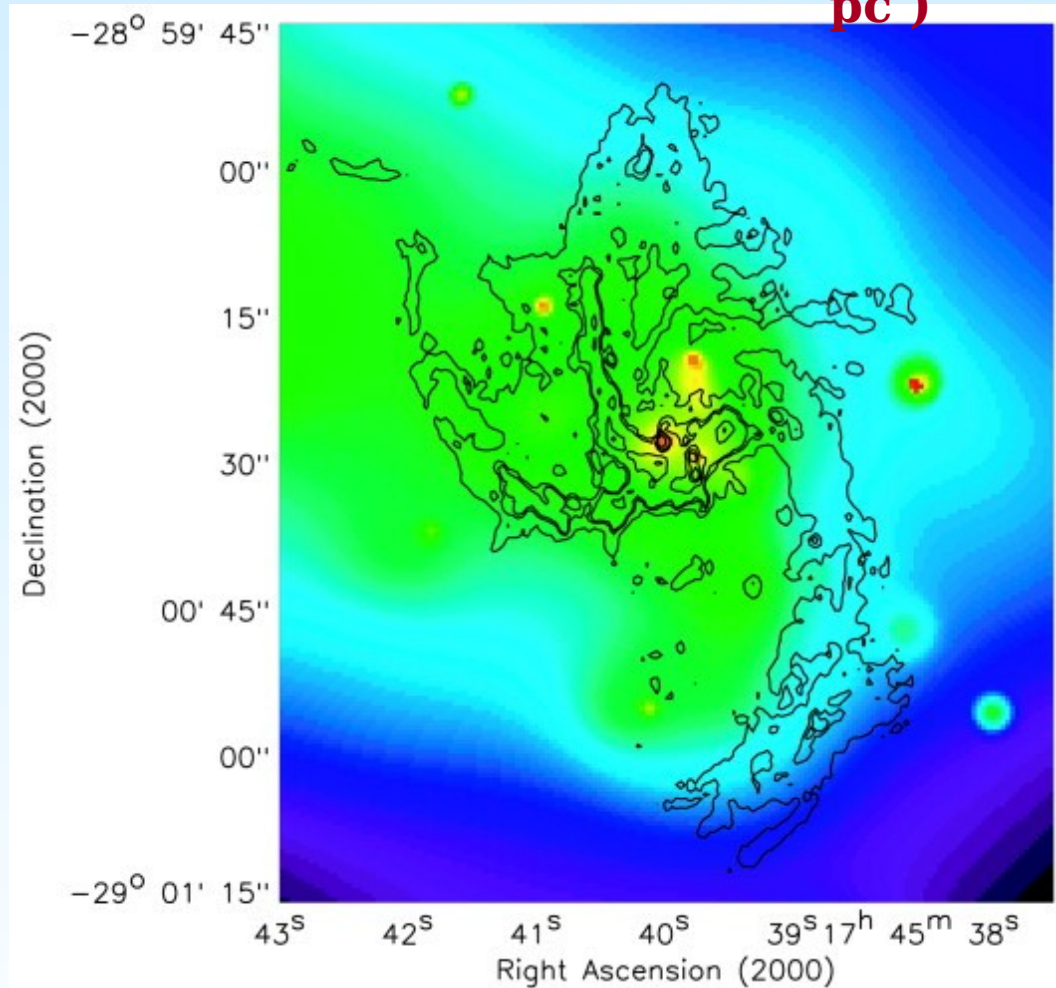
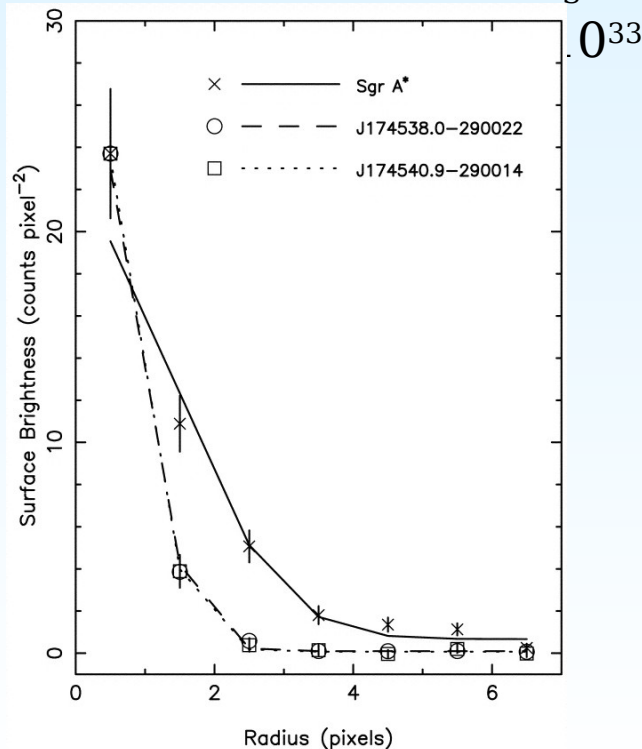


# Quiescent X-ray Emission from Sgr A\*

(3.5 pc  $\times$  3 pc)

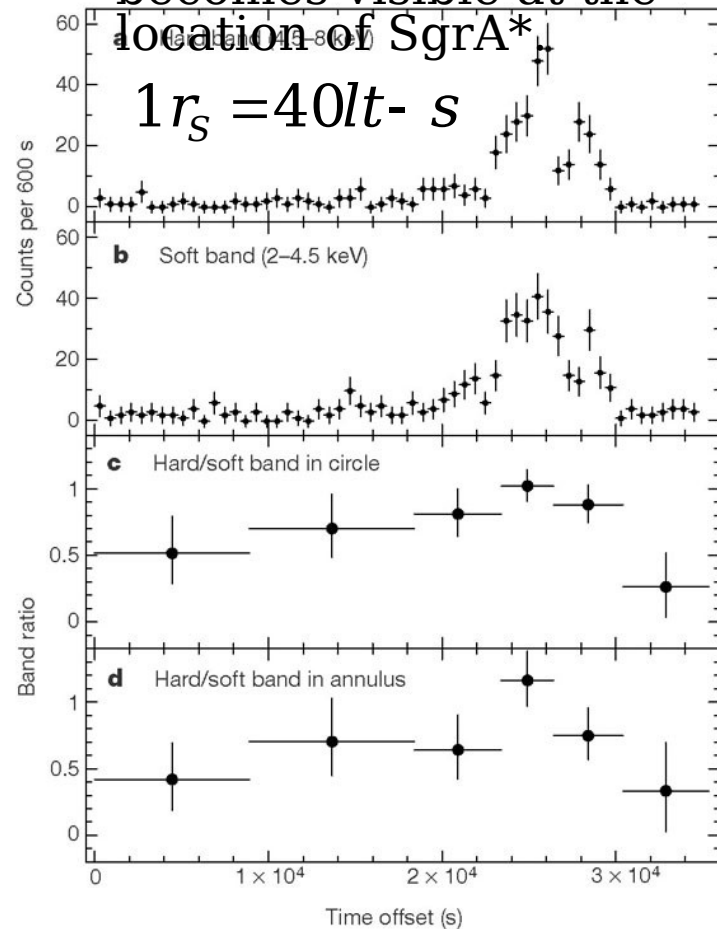
X-rays exhibit two different states:

1. Weak quiescent X-ray emission from an extended region  
 $\Rightarrow$  size of 0.6 arcseconds, or  $7 \times 10^{16}$  cm  $\approx 10^5 r_s$



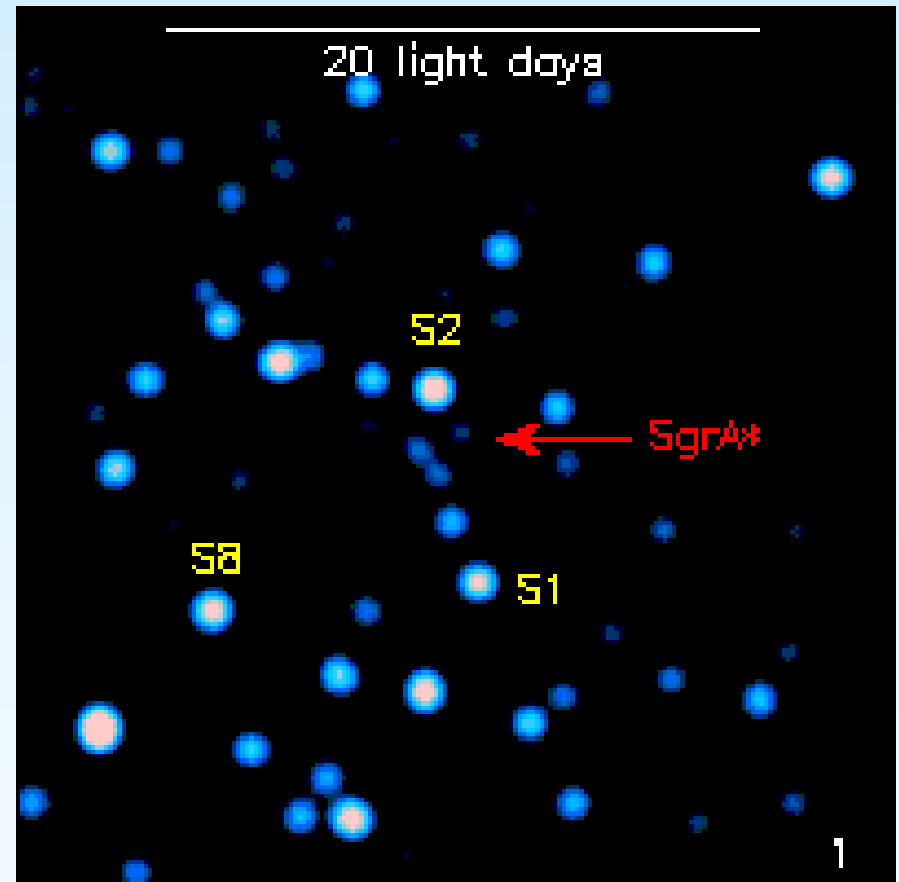
0.5-7 keV Chandra X-ray image overlaid on 6 cm radio image (Baganoff et al. 2003)

2. X-ray flares with a period of about one per day, rising by factors up to 100 during several tens of minutes. A distinctive point source becomes visible at the



Baganoff et al.  
(2001)

## Flaring X-ray Emission from Sgr A\*

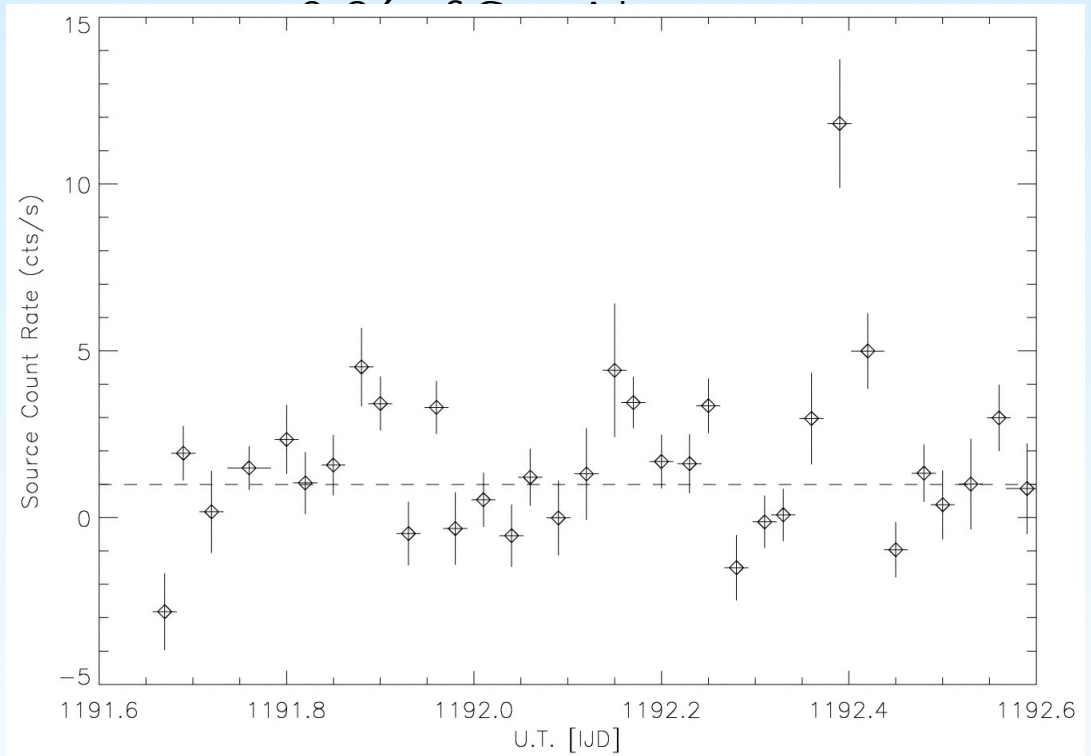


The short rise-and-decay times of the flares suggest that the radiation must originate from a region within less than tens of  $r_s$



# Flaring Hard X-ray Emission from the Direction of Sgr A\*

INTEGRAL observations of flaring  
20-40 keV emission within



Flare lasts < 40 minutes

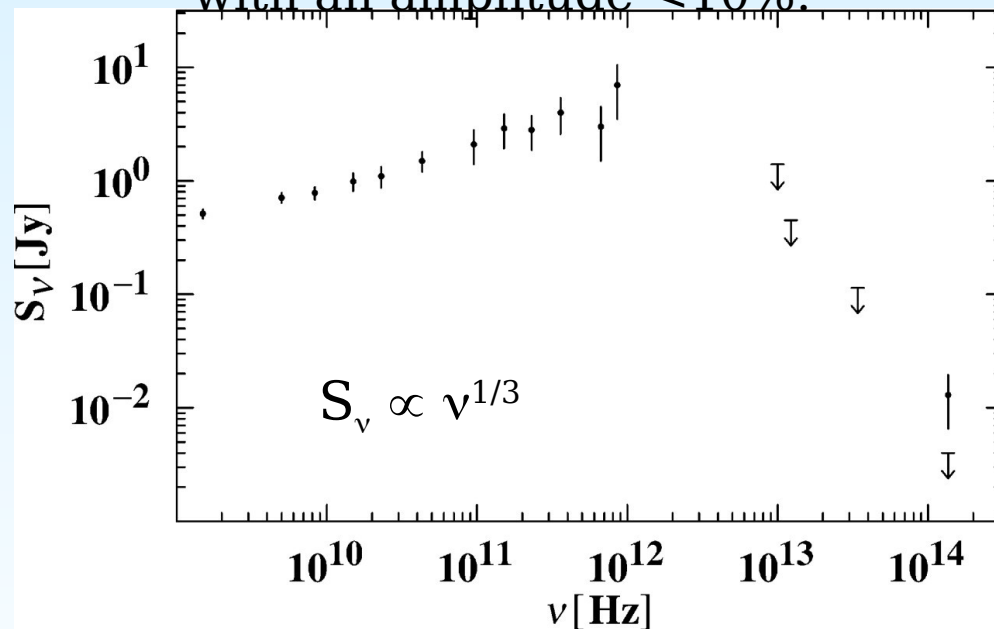
$$1r_s = 40/t - s$$

Bélanger et al.  
(2004)

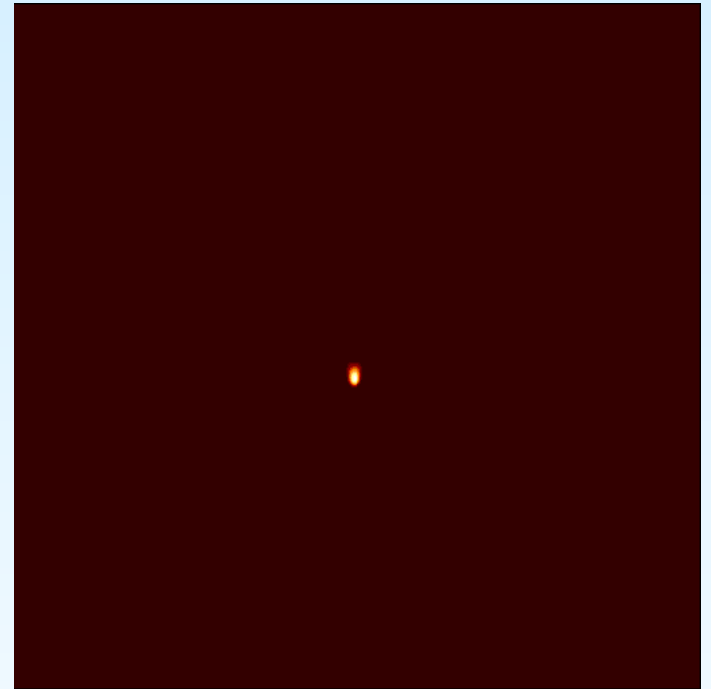
## Radio Emission from Sgr A\*

Falcke et al. 2003

Radio emission of Sgr A\* varies slowly on time scales of several days to a few hundred days and generally with an amplitude  $<10\%$ .



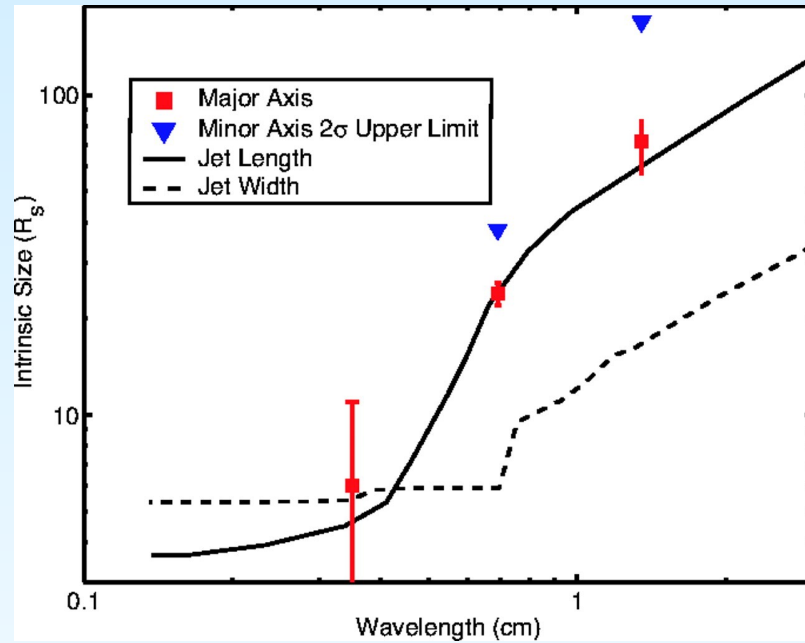
Zylka et al. 1995, Zhao et al. 2001



Radio image blurred  $\propto \lambda^2$  by ionized medium, but becomes less at high frequencies (images at 5, 8, 15, 32, and 43GHz).

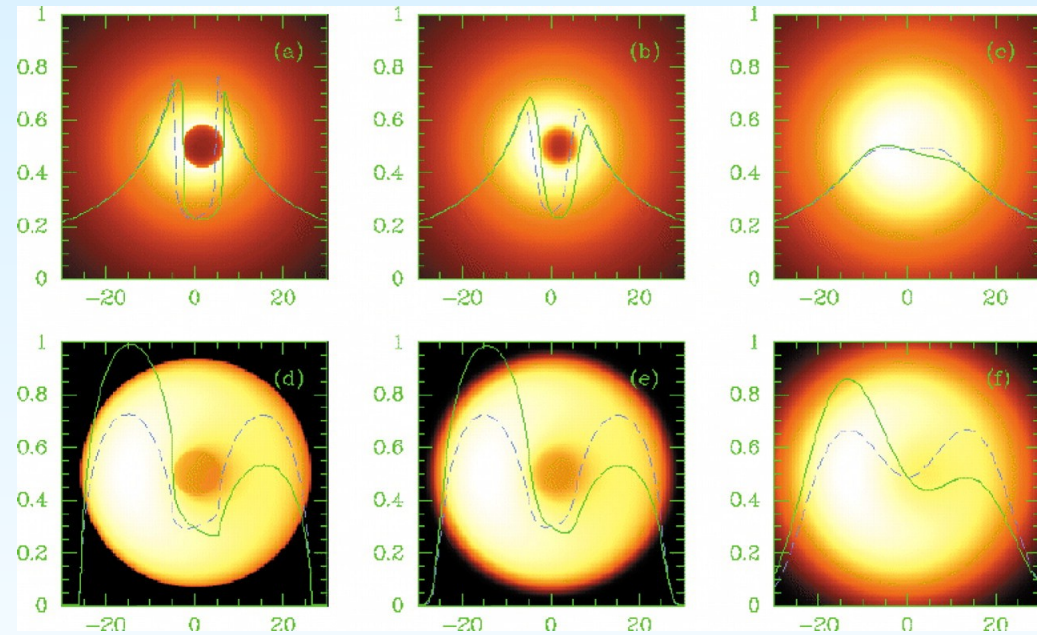
## Resolving Sgr A\*

Theoretical simulations of 1.3 cm images of Sgr A\*



Bower et al. (2004)

Intrinsic size of Sgr A\*  
measured using VLBA  
 $24 \pm 2 r_s$  at 7 mm (43 GHz)



Falcke, Melia, & Agol  
(2000)

# HESS:

High Energy Stereoscopic System

4 Telescope Array completed Dec  
2003

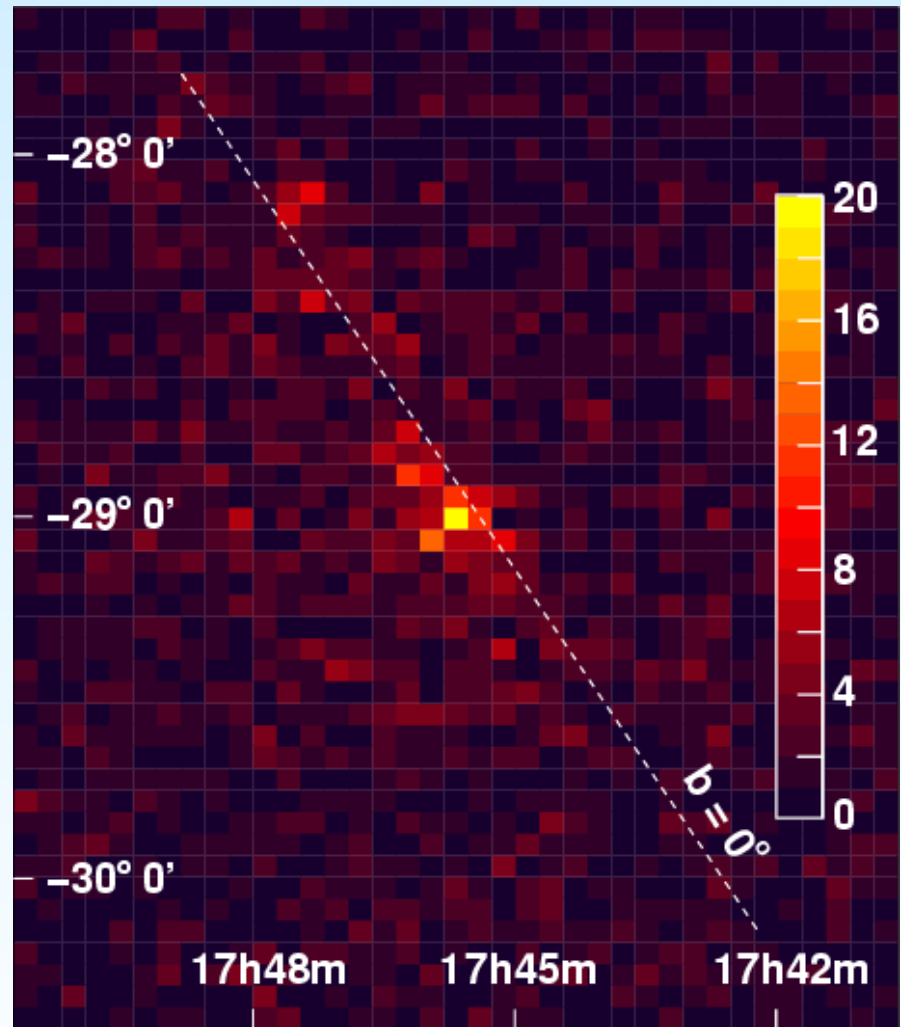
23° 16' South Latitude

GC: -29 ° 0'



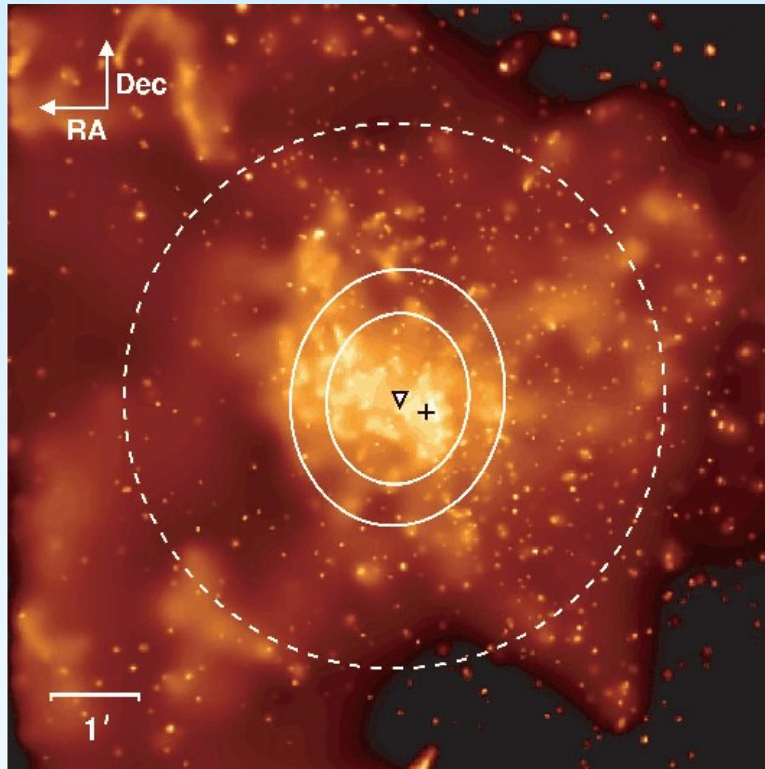
# HESS Observations of TeV Emission from Sgr A\*

Two observing campaigns:  
June/July 2003 (4.7 hrs  
on-source)  
July/August 2003 (11.8  
hrs on-source)  
PSF  $\approx 0.1^\circ$   
Angular distribution of  $\gamma$  rays  
in  $3^\circ$  field  
Point Source consistent with  
Sgr A\*  
 $6.1\sigma$  in June/July  
 $9.2\sigma$  in July/Aug  
No evidence for variability  
between the two  
pointings  
Galactic Plane feature

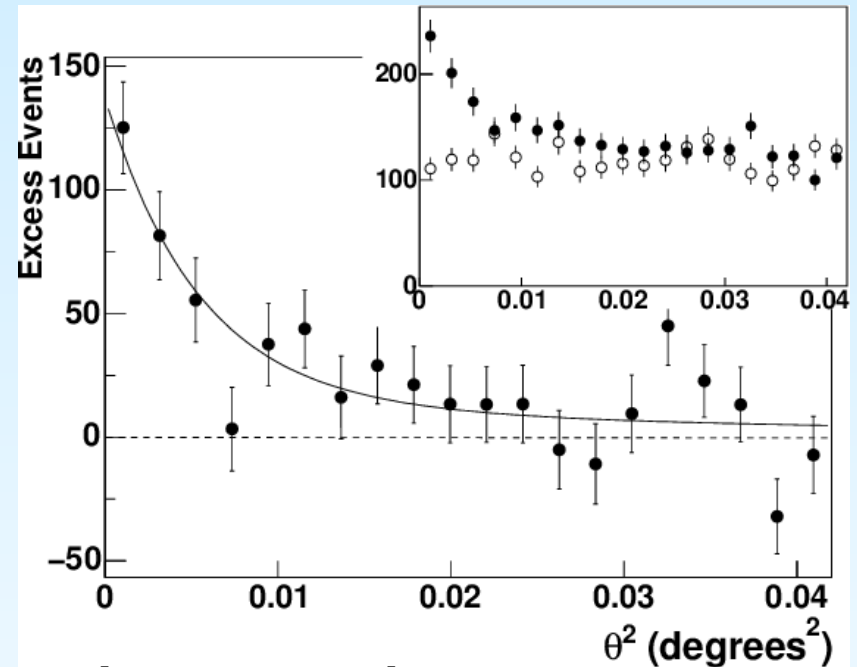


Aharonian et al.  
(2004)

# HESS Measurements of TeV Angular Distribution



Center of gravity of  $\gamma$  rays (triangle), 68% and 95% confidence regions for source position (solid ellipses), and 95% confidence of rms source size (dashed ellipse), superimposed over  $8.5' \times 8.5'$  Chandra X-ray map.

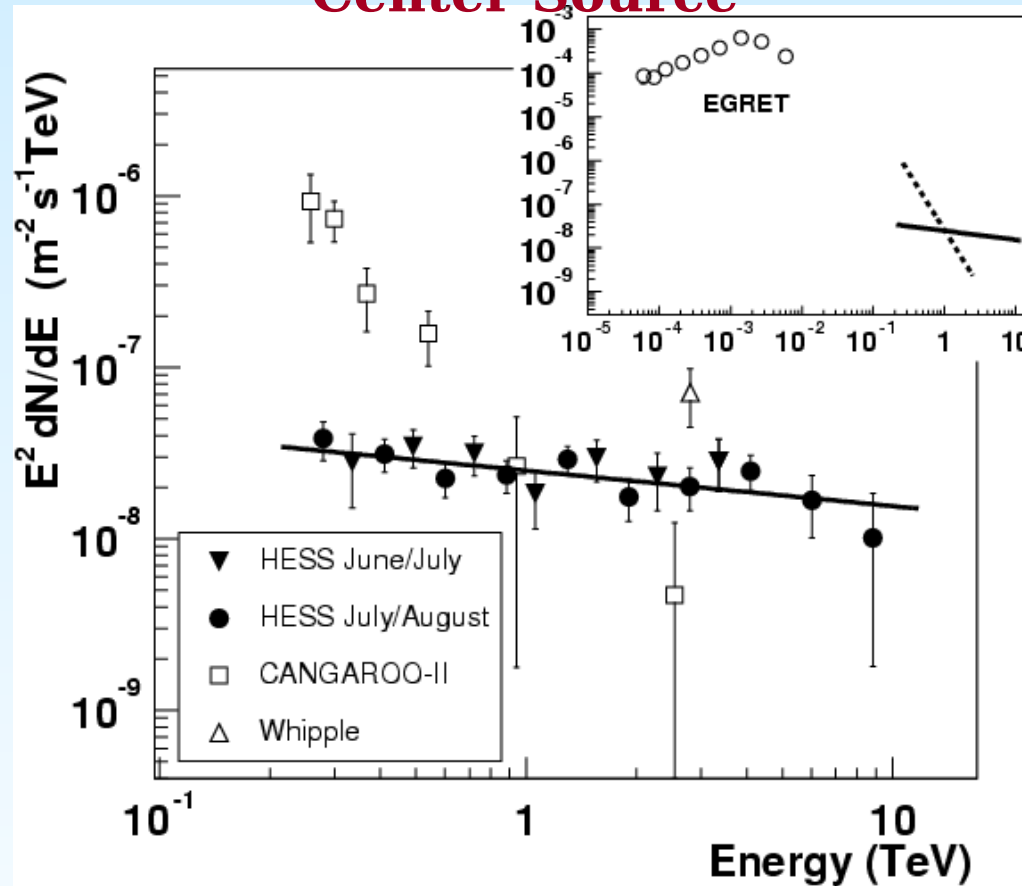


Aharonian et al.  
(2004)

Angular distribution of  $\gamma$  rays  
Upper limit to source size =  $3' \leftrightarrow 7$  pc



# HESS Measurements of TeV Spectrum of Galactic Center Source

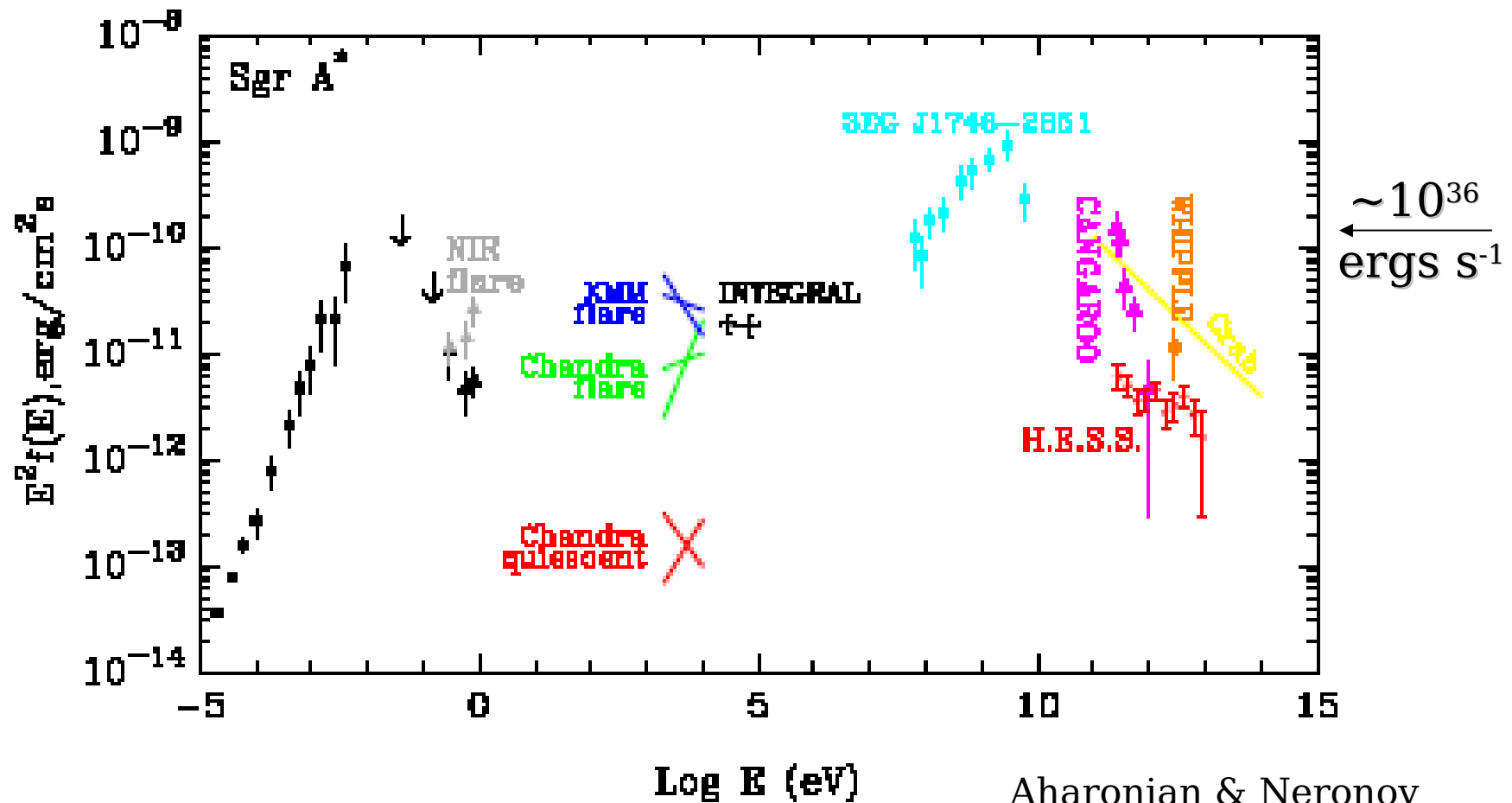


$E^2 dN/dE$  spectrum for June/July, July/August campaigns

$dN/dE \propto E^{-2.21 \pm 0.21} \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{TeV}^{-1}$  ( $\approx 5\%$  of the Crab)

In agreement with Whipple (Kosack et al. 2004);  
disagrees with Cangaroo-II (Tsuchiya et al. 2004)

# Multiwavelength Observations of Galactic Center Region



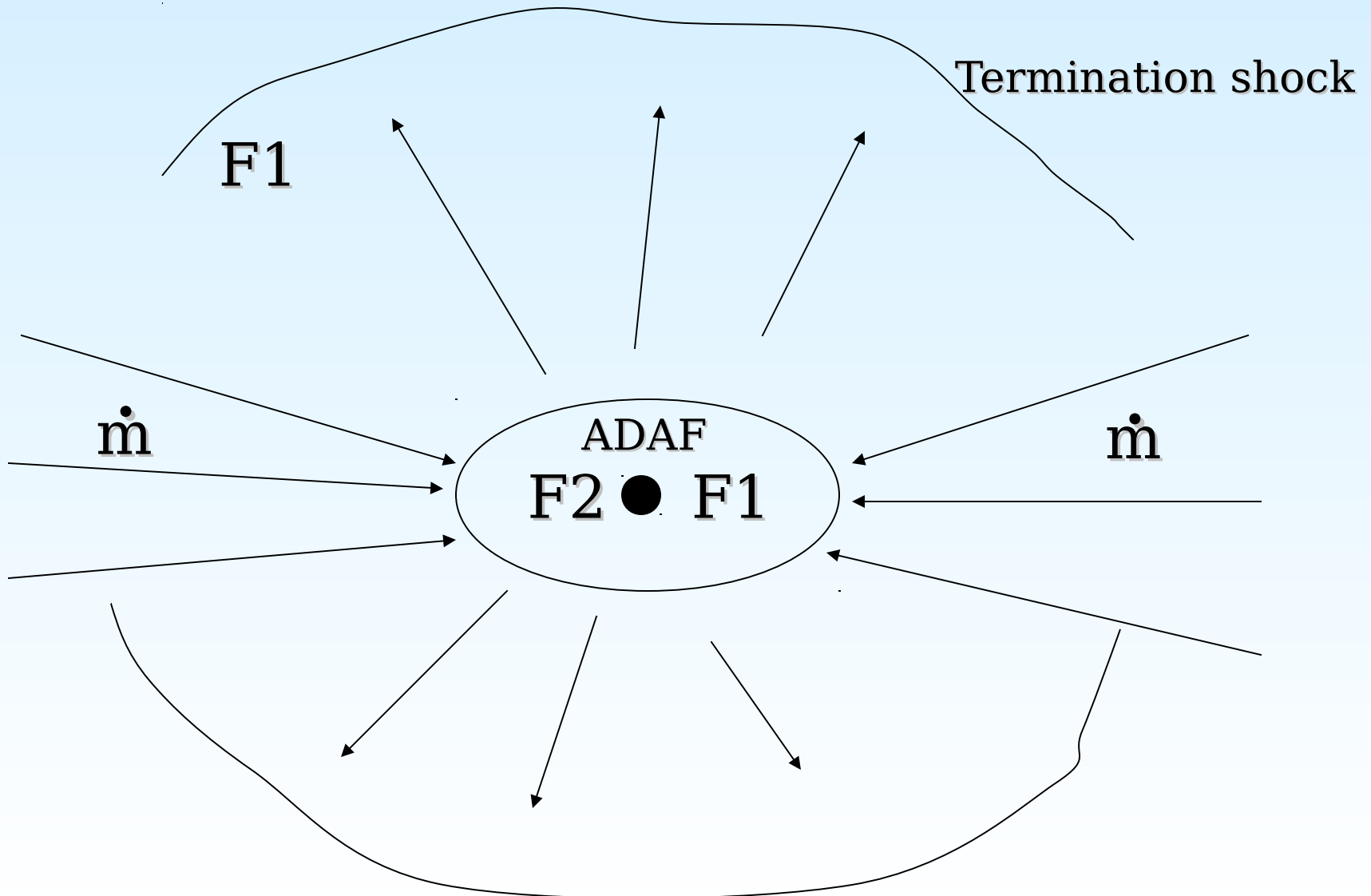
Aharonian & Neronov  
(2004)

EGRET emission displaced from direction to GCBH

## Previously Proposed Models for TeV Emission

1.  $\gamma$  rays from  $\pi^0$  production from secondary nuclear production of cosmic rays (possible accelerated by Sgr A West SNR)
2. Annihilation of supersymmetric dark matter particles  
(Requires neutralinos of mass  $> 4\text{-}10$  TeV)
3. Jet-ADAF model (acceleration in the inner jet from shocks; would expect significant variability)
4. Proton curvature radiation
5. TeV jet models (where is the jet?)

# TeV Radiation from the Galactic Center Black-Hole Plerion



# Accretion Physics in the ADAF/ADIOS Regime

Advection-dominated accretion flow (ADAF) model for compact objects accreting at low Eddington accretion rate

$$\dot{m} \equiv \eta_{BH} \dot{M} c^2 / L_{Edd}$$

Radiant luminosity at the level

$$L_{rad} = \dot{m} L_{Edd} (\dot{m} / \dot{m}_*),$$

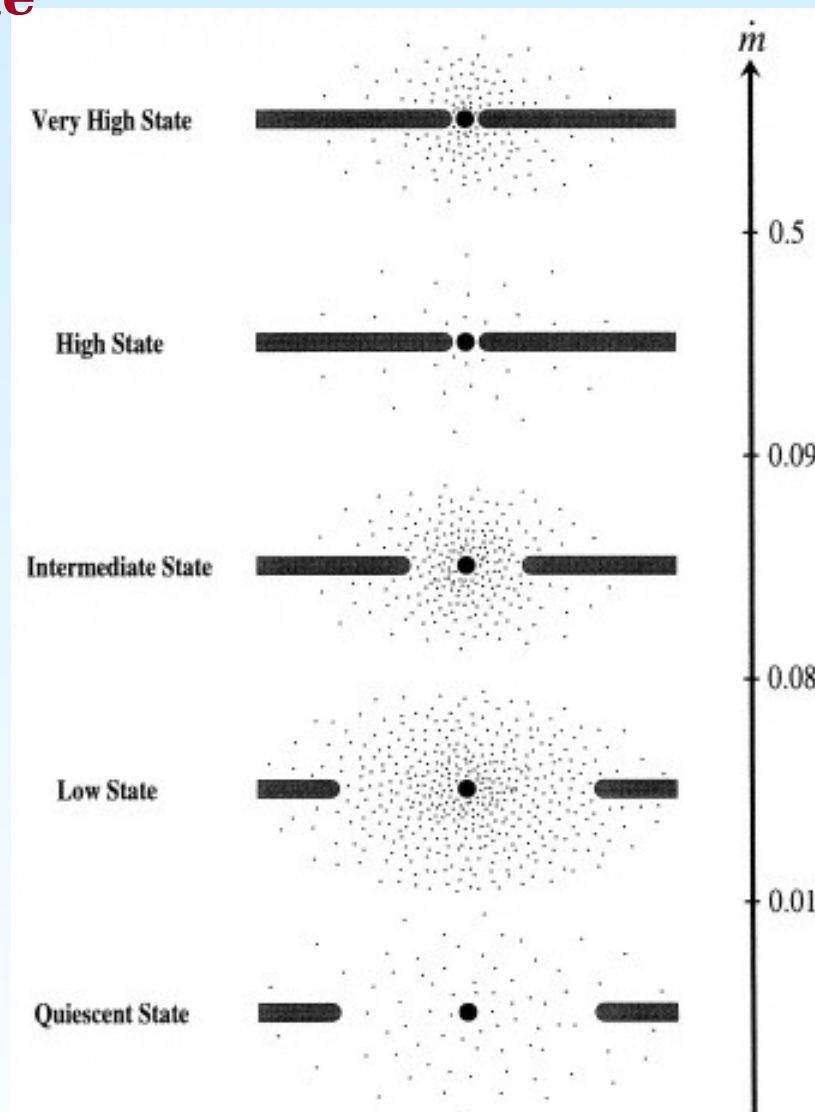
$$\dot{m}_* \approx 0.1$$

$(\dot{m} / \dot{m}_*)$

is fraction of accretion power that is advected into black hole or convectively escapes

$$L_{th} = L_{rad} = 10^{36} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \Rightarrow$$

$$\dot{m}_{GCBH} \approx 1.5 \times 10^5$$



Esin, McClintock, & Narayan  
(1997)

# Second-order Fermi Acceleration in the ADAF

No optically thick accretion disk

Second-order stochastic Fermi acceleration for radio-sub mm emission

$$\frac{B}{8\pi} = \epsilon_B \left( \frac{\eta_{BH} \dot{M} c^2}{4\pi R^2 c} \right) \Rightarrow B(G) \approx 30 \epsilon_B^{1/2} L_{36}$$

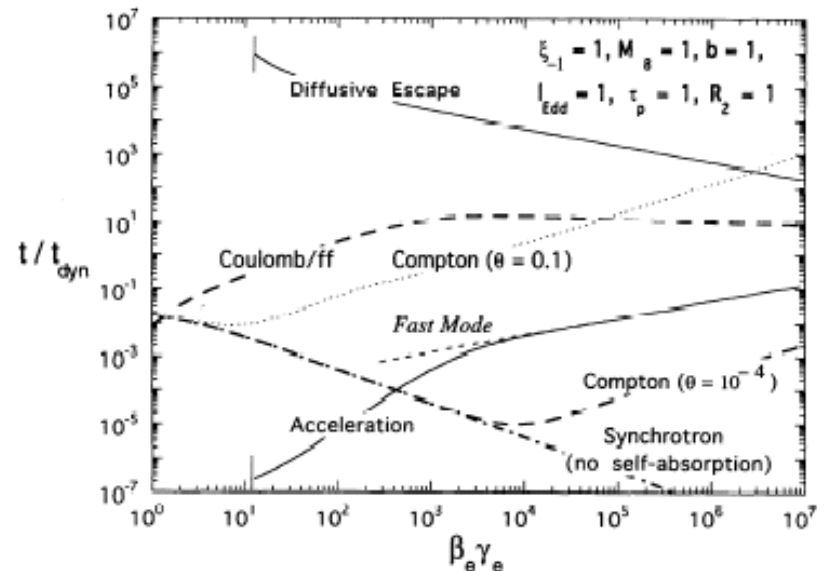
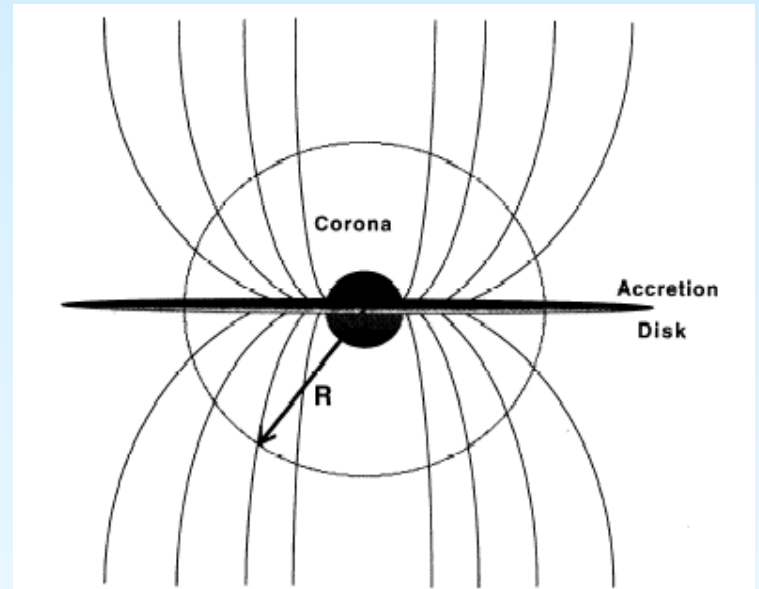
for a region of size  $20 r_s$

Equating acceleration rate of electrons by Whistler turbulence to synchrotron loss rate  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{36} \left( \frac{1}{2 \times 10^4} \right)^{1/1}$

Dermer, Miller & Li 1996; Liu, Petrosian, & Me 2004

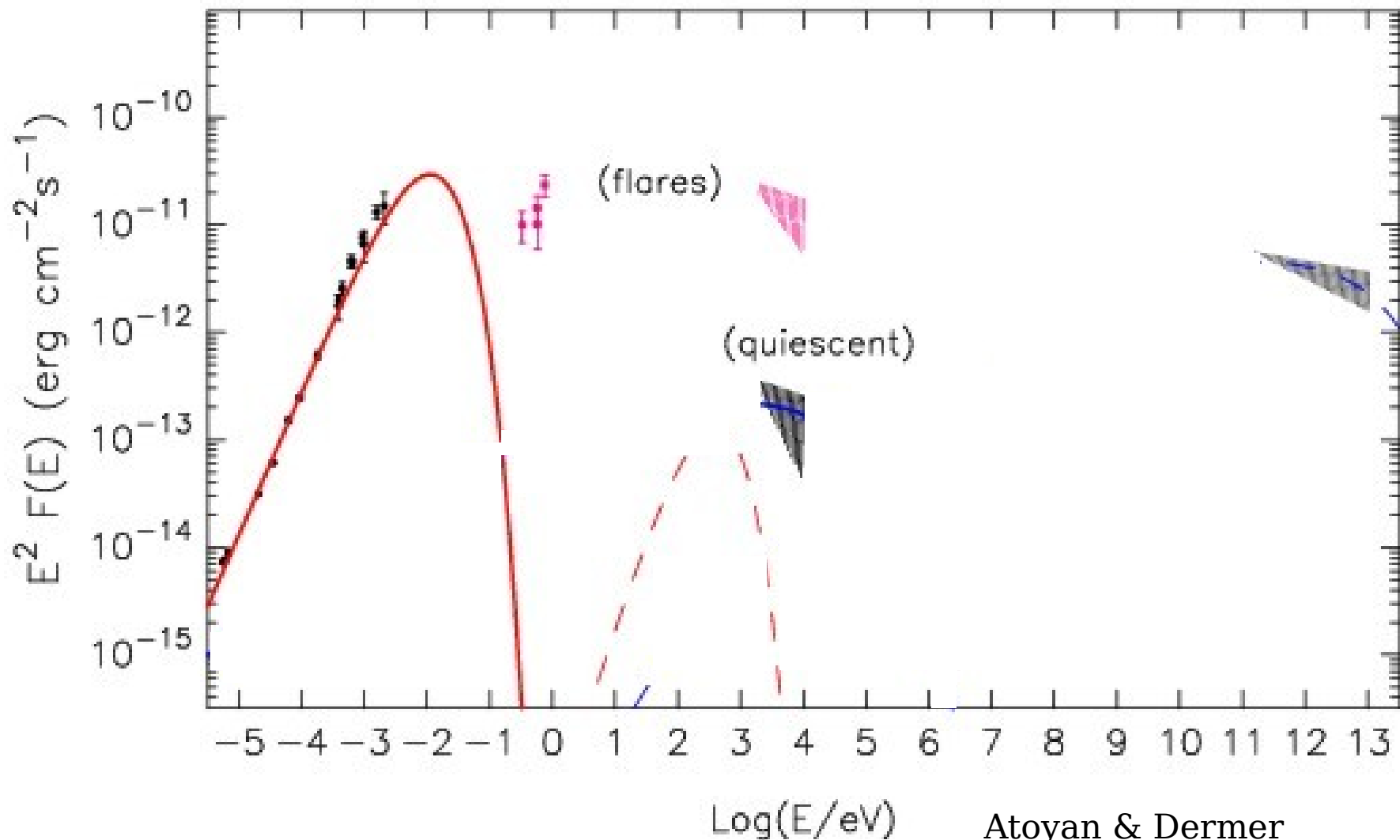
Steady-state electron spectrum:

$$N(\gamma) \propto \gamma^2 \exp(-\gamma/\gamma_0)$$





## Stochastic acceleration model for radio/sub-mm emission



Atoyan & Dermer  
(2004)

## The Black Hole Plerion

Particle escape by convective outflow in advection-dominated inflow-outflow source (ADIOS) extension (Blandford & Begelman 1999) of ADAF model.

Assume a wind power  
 $L_{wind} = 10^{-1} L_{37} \text{ ergs s}^{-1}$

With speed  $v_{wind} \approx c/2$  directed into solid angle  $\Omega \approx 1 \text{ sr}$

Wind terminates at a subrelativistic shock at  
 $R_{shock} \approx 3 \times 10^{-2} L_{37}^{-1/2} \Omega^{-1/2} \text{ cm}$

found by equating thermal gas pressure with energy density of wind

Electrons and protons accelerated by first-order (shock) Fermi acceleration.

Electrons emit X-ray synchrotron radiation to form quiescent X-ray emission

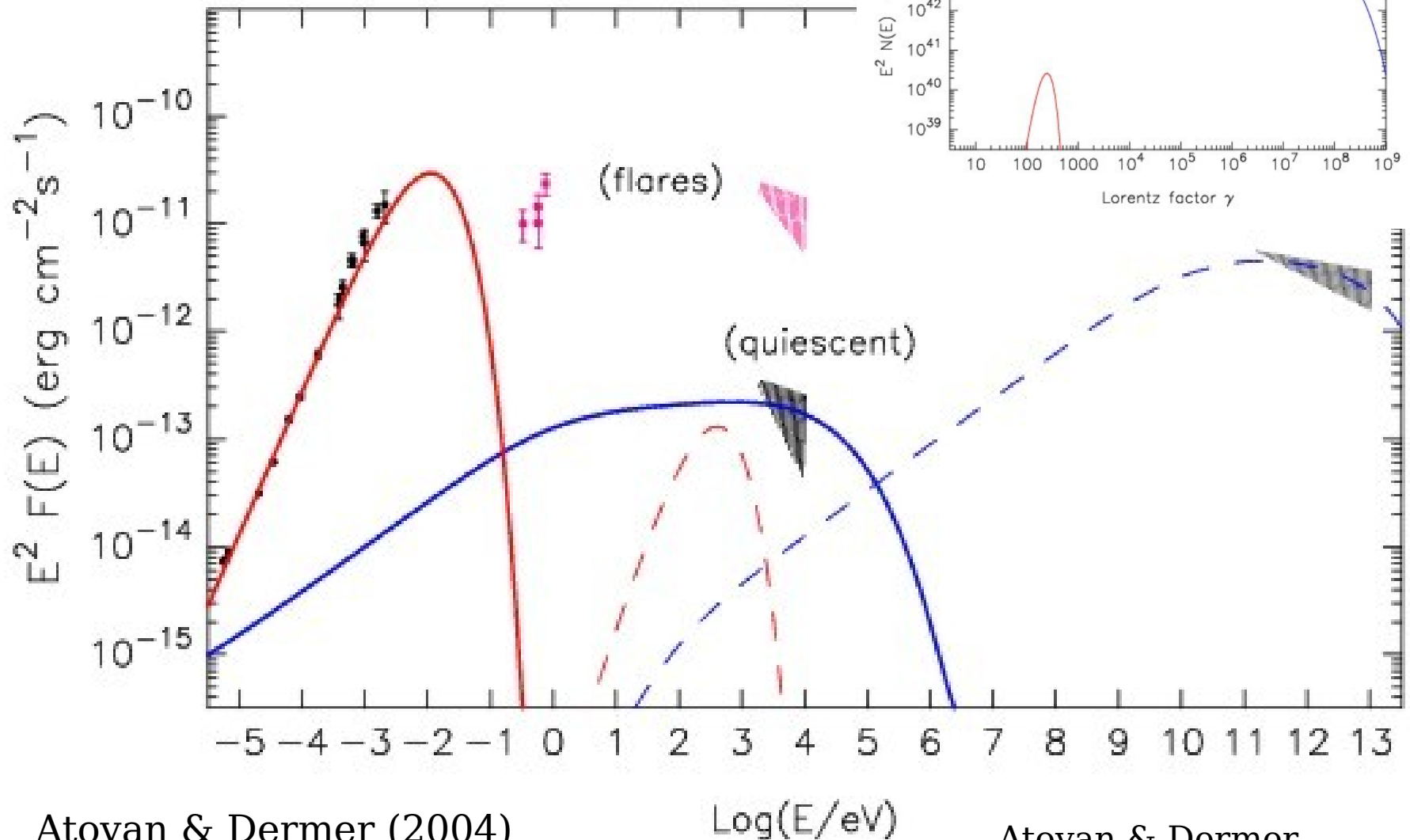
and Compton scatter

- ADAF emission
- $10^{13} \text{ Hz}$  emission from cold dust



**Neutron Star Plerion: Crab Nebula**

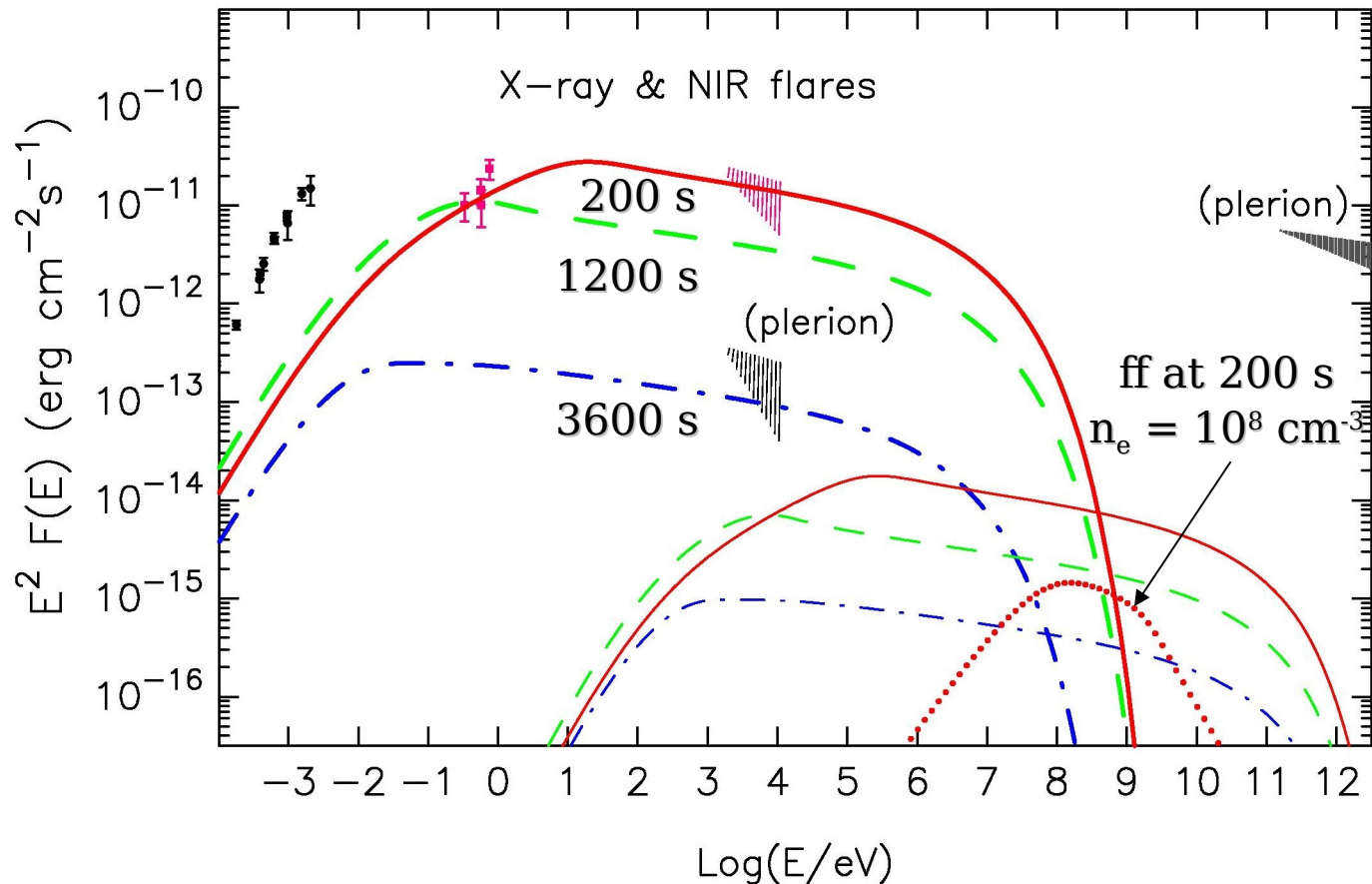
# Radio/sub-mm, quiescent X-ray, TeV emission



Atoyan & Dermer (2004)

Atoyan & Dermer  
(2004)

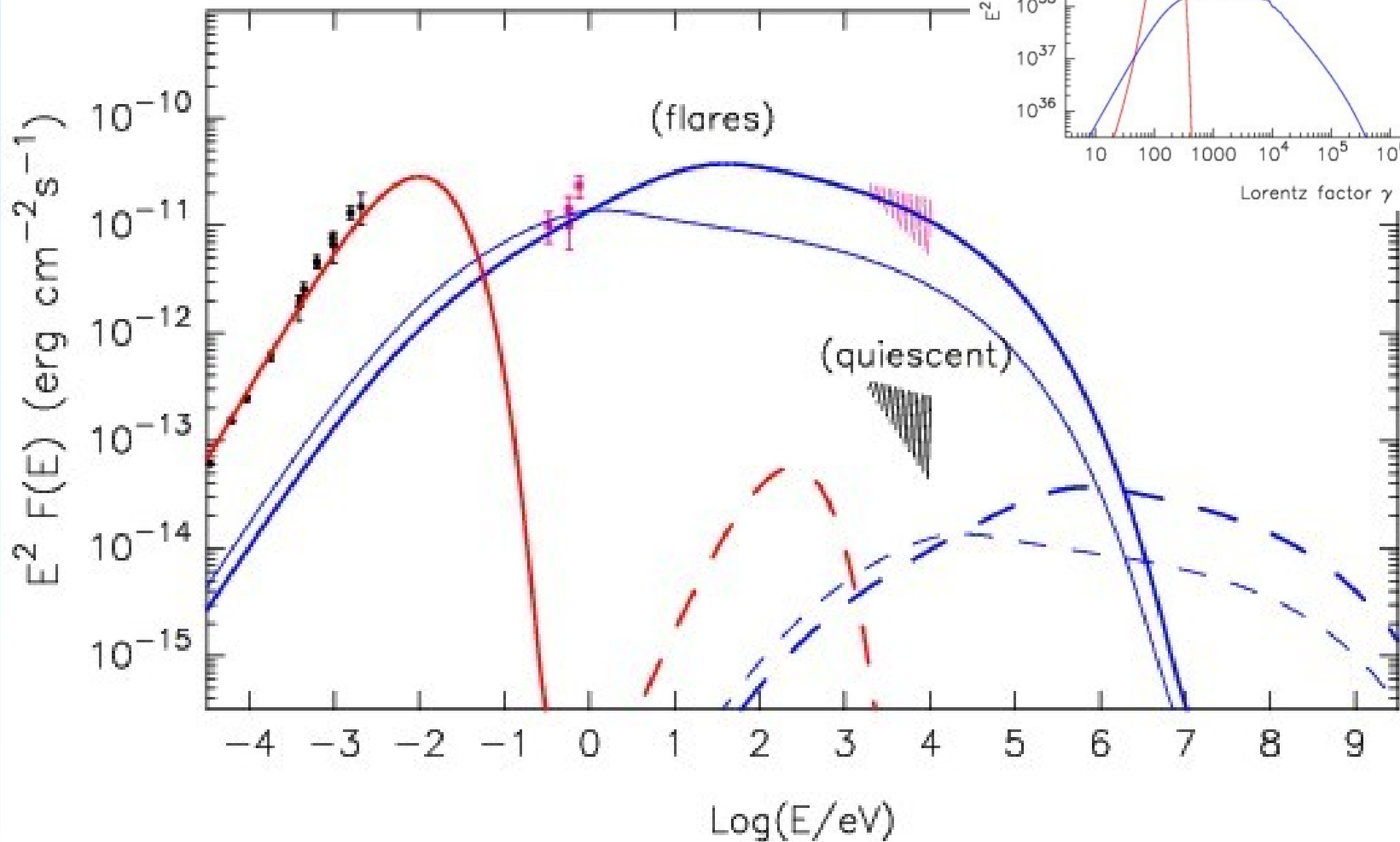
## Flaring Emissions from Inner Region



Flares from instabilities in accretion flow that form shocks at few  $r_s$   
First-order Fermi shock acceleration injects electrons with  $\gamma < 10^6$ ,  
-2.2 injection index

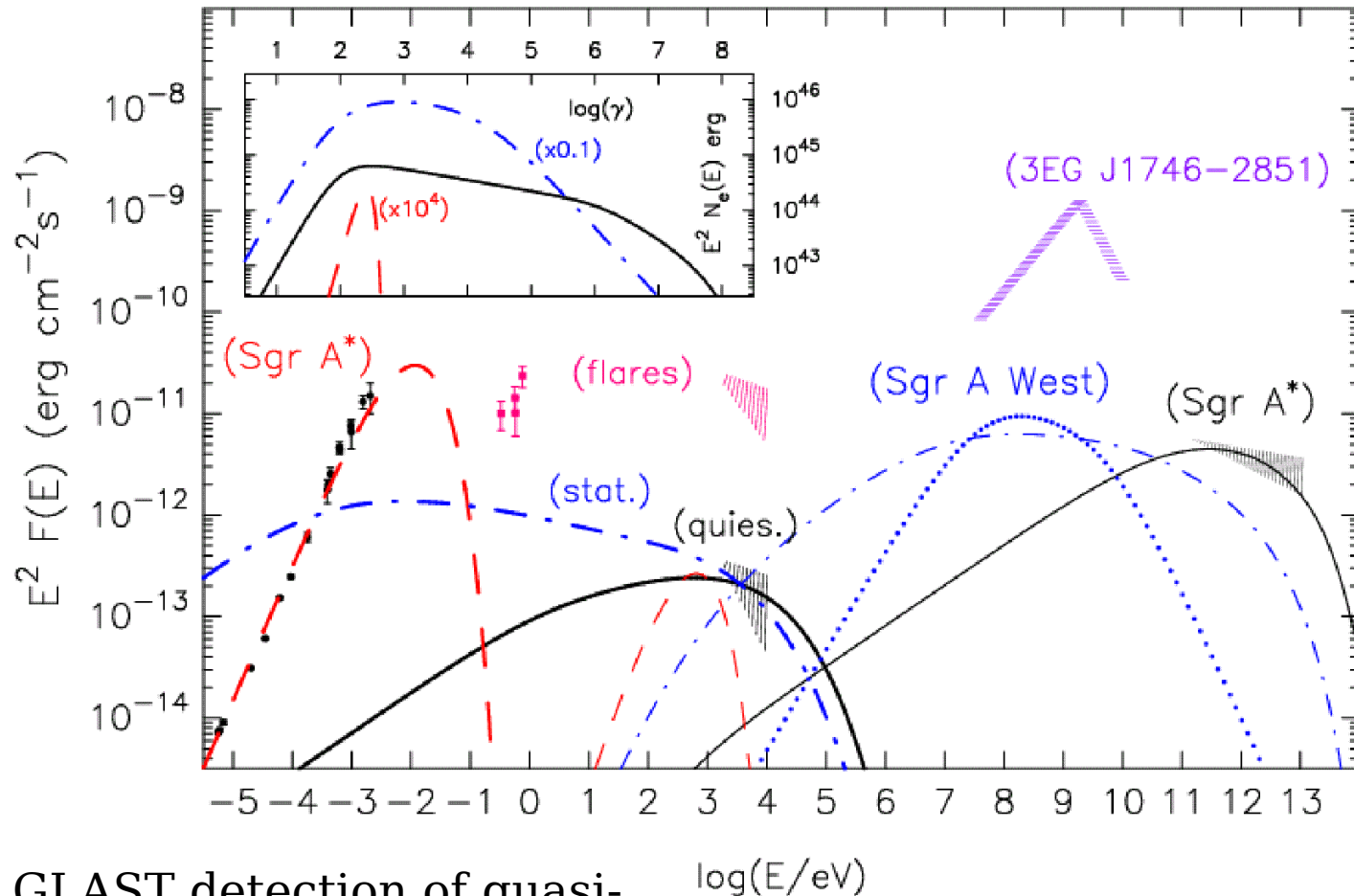
Explains X-ray/NIR flares and short variability timescales from  
cooling and expansion

# Multiwavelength Emission from Sgr A\*



Very weak  $> 100 \text{ MeV}$   $\gamma$ -ray emission

# Galactic Center Black Hole Emission: Sgr A\* ADAF + Black-Hole Plerion + Sgr A West, a black-hole remnant



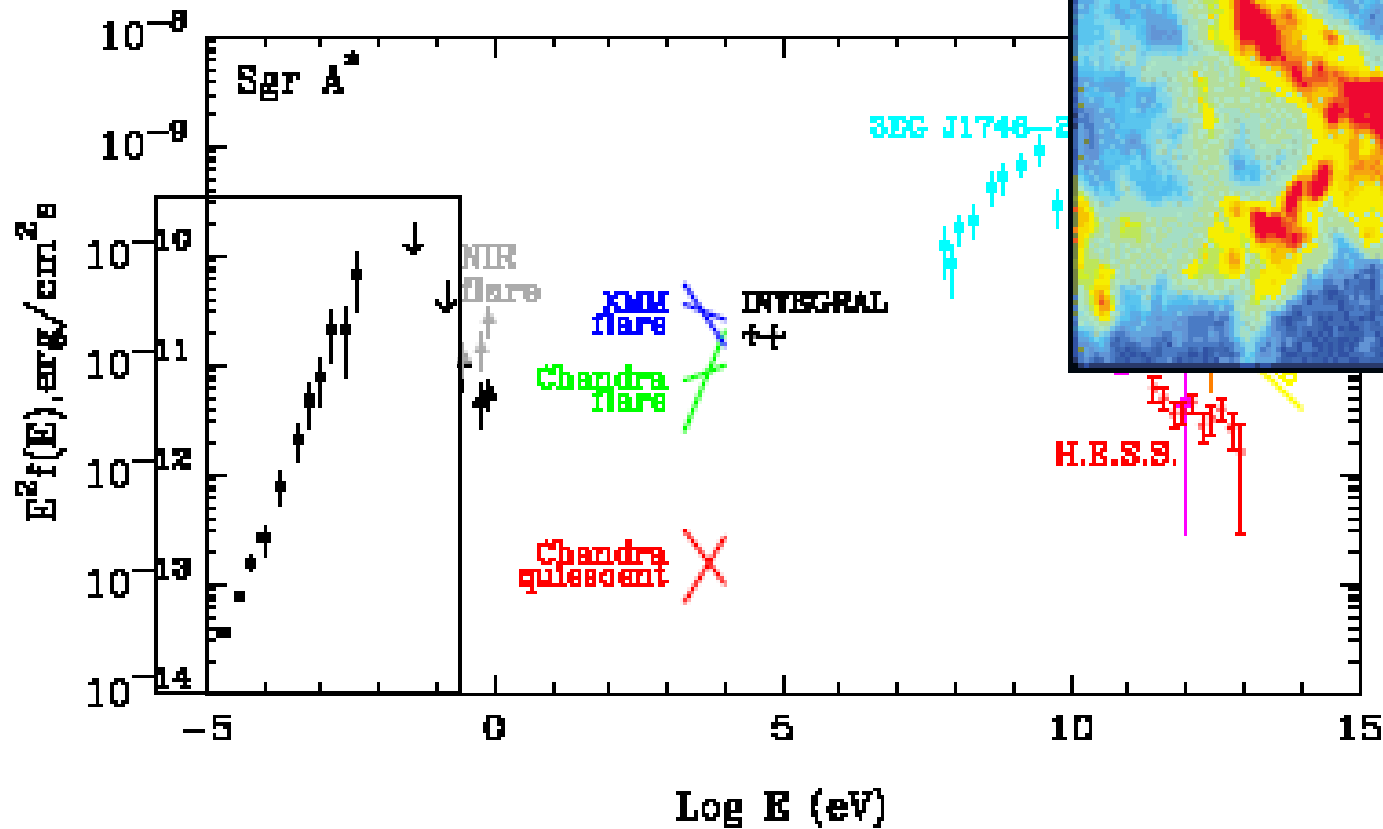
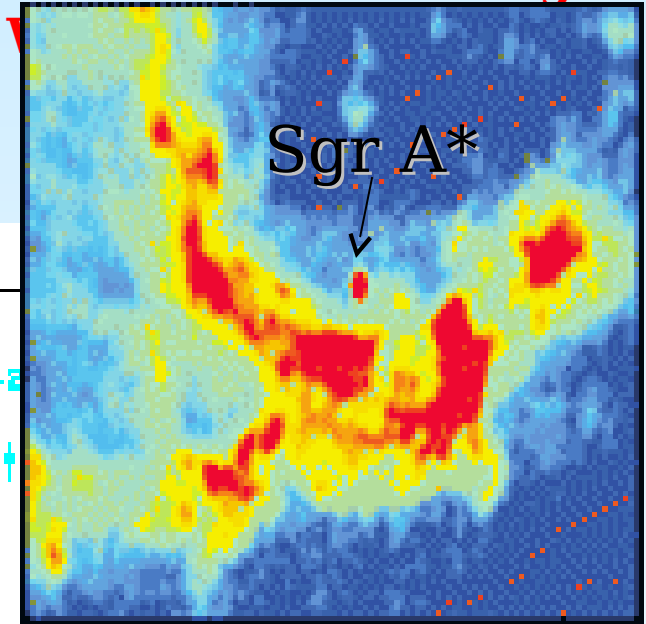
Predict GLAST detection of quasi-stationary Compton and bremsstrahlung fluxes from pc-scale plerion.

Propagation of GeV electrons power Sgr A West  
EGRET emission from young pulsar



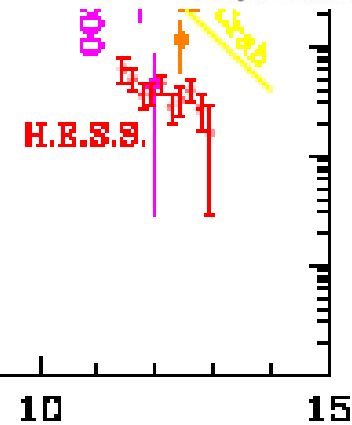
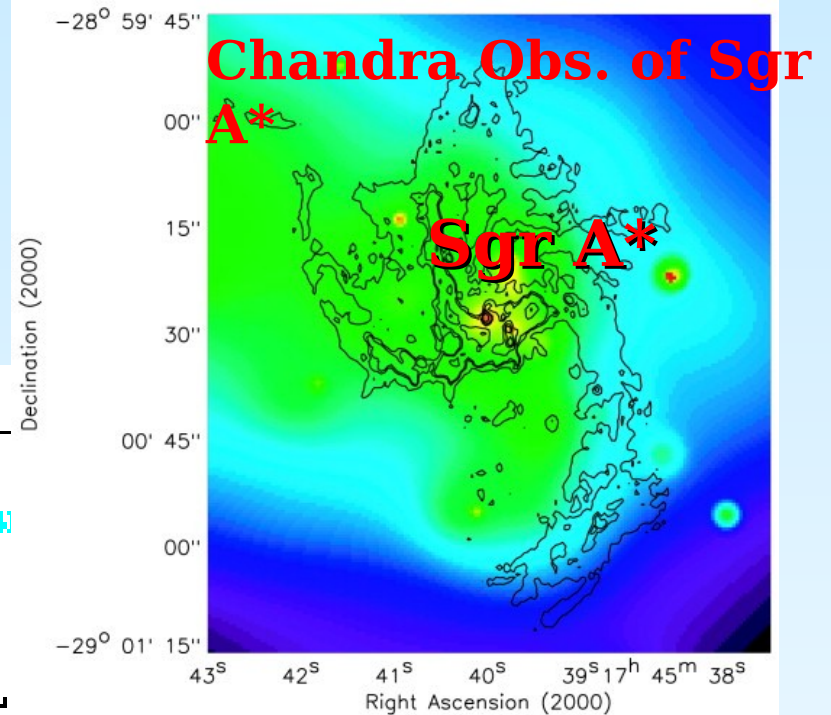
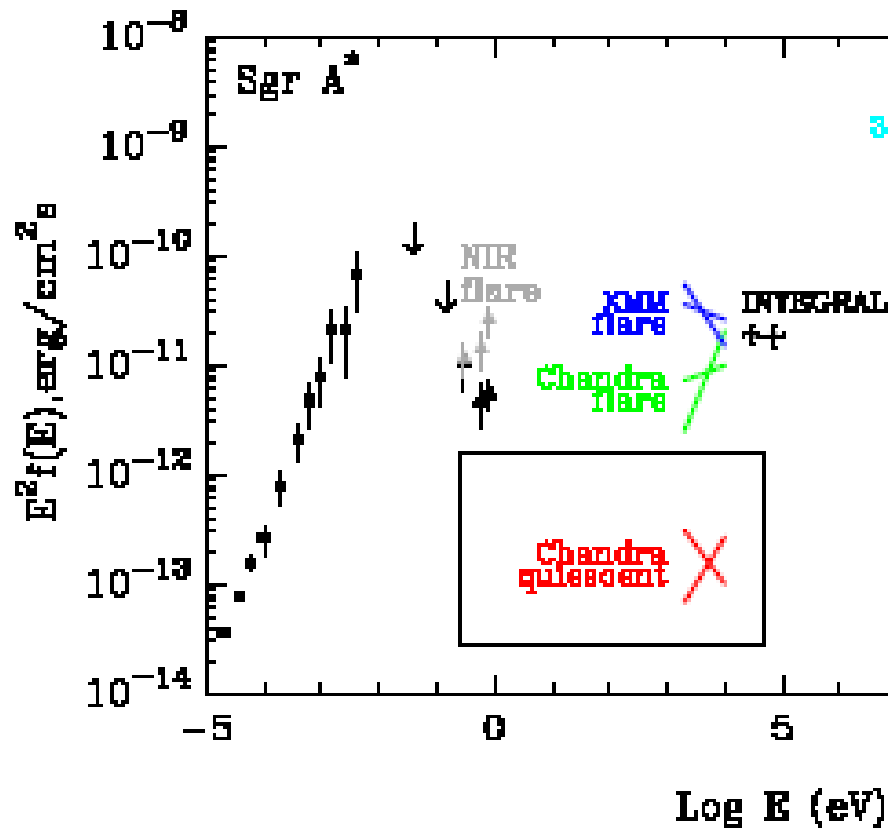
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2 cm VLA radio of **Sgr A**



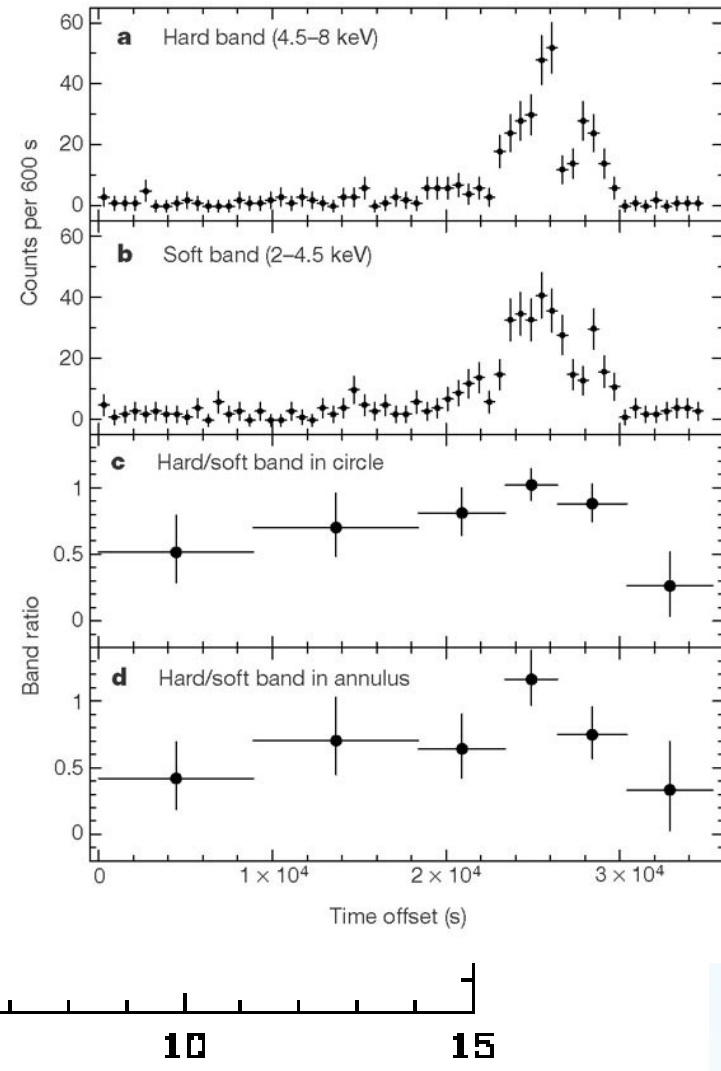
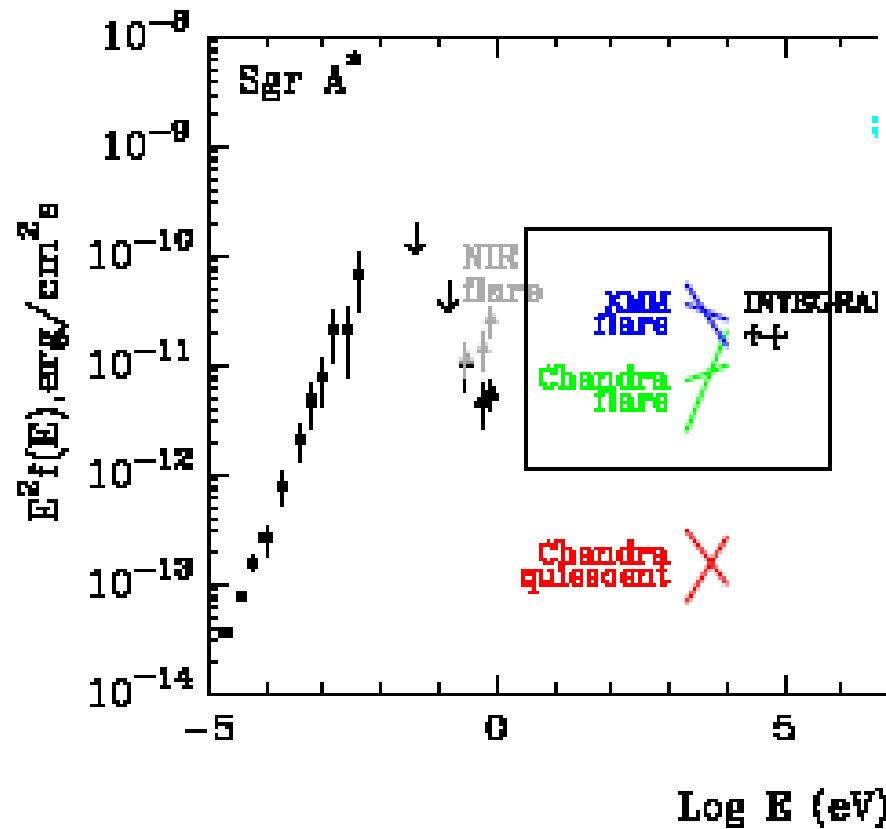
(Yusef-Zadeh & Wandle  
1993)

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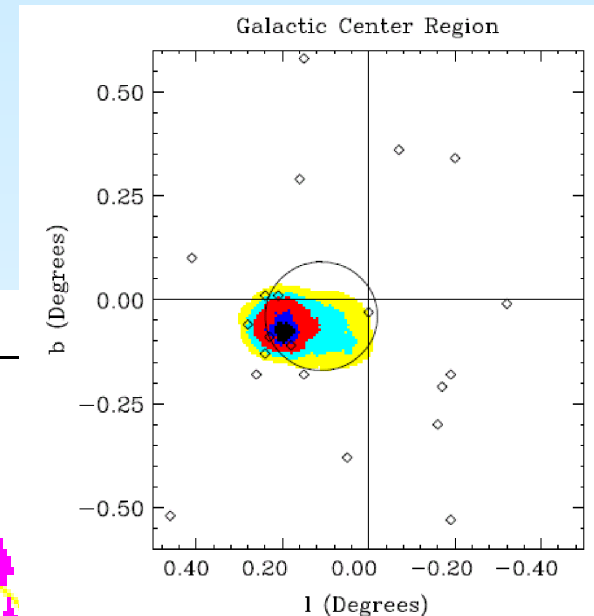
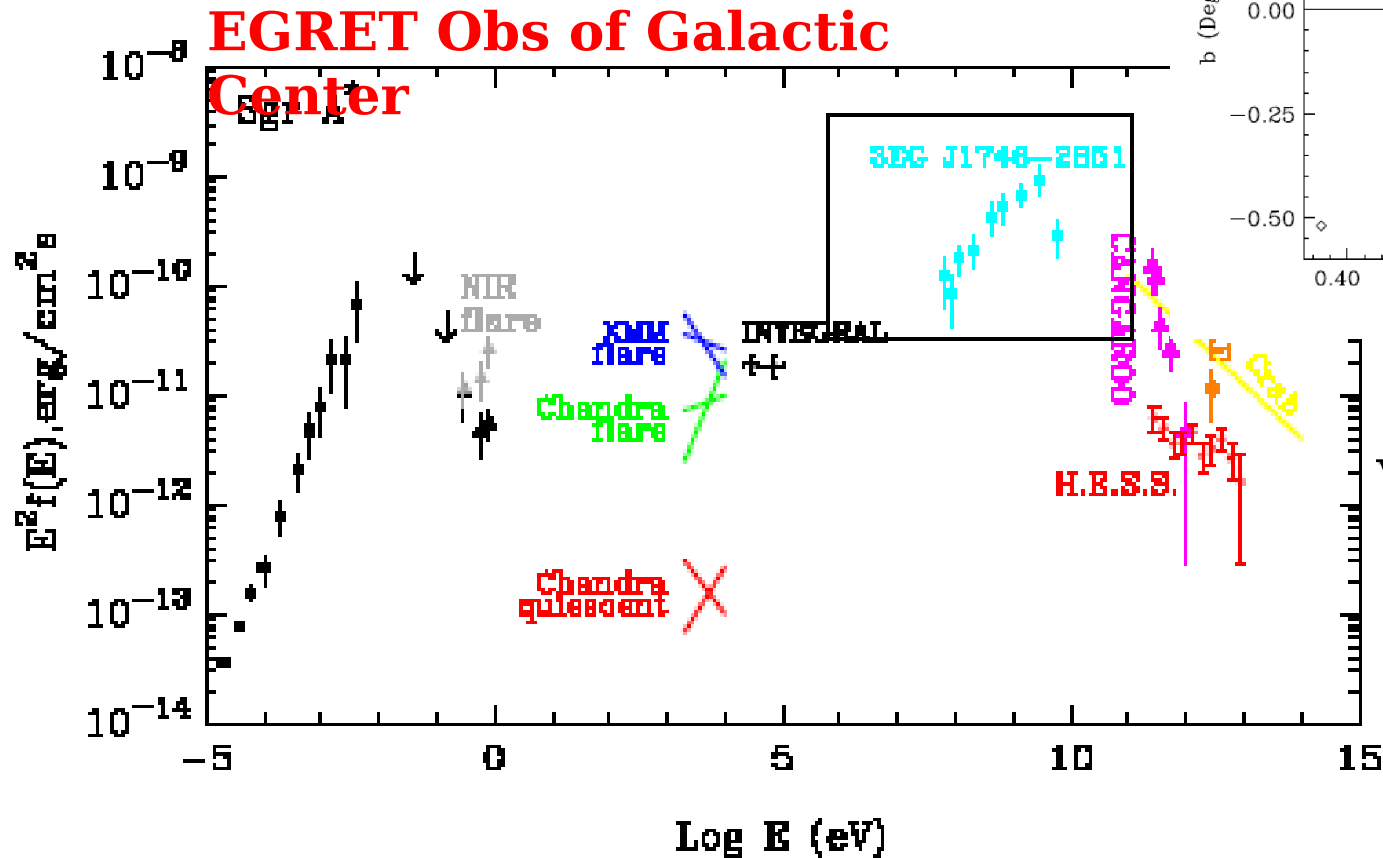
Baganoff et al. 2003

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Vela-like Pulsar?

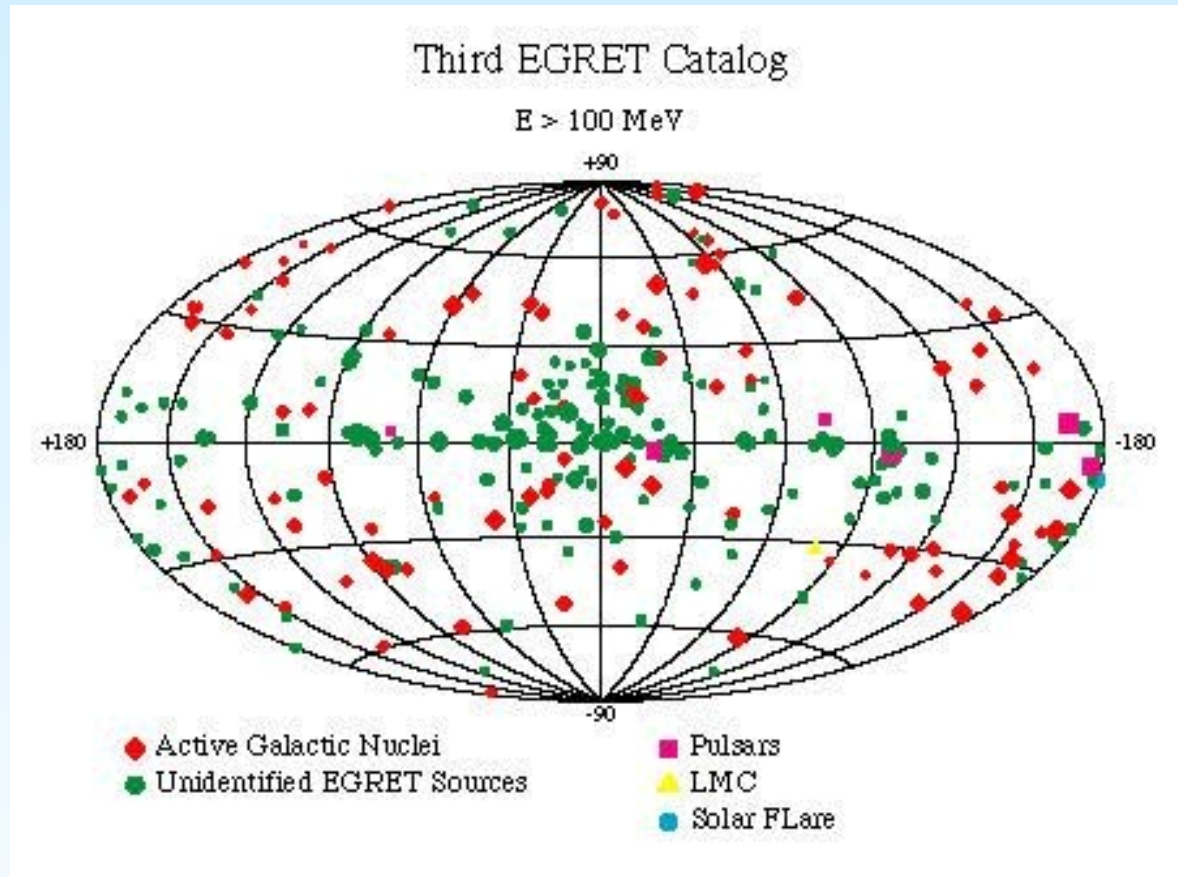
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Dingus and Hooper 2002;  
Pohl 2005

## Summary

1. TeV radiation from Galactic Center Region: Important Discovery from next generation Imaging Air Cherenkov Telescopes
2. Observations imply two emission regions:
  - (i) Inner region near black hole
  - (ii) Black hole plerion at the termination shock
3. New insights into black-hole accretion in the extreme ADAF regime for GCBH; advection and convective outflow from central accretion flow
4. X-ray flares are synchrotron emission within  $\sim 10 r_s$  of GCBH
5. Quasi-stationary TeV emission (southern hemisphere Crab)
6. TeV  $\gamma$  rays made by black-hole plerion, first of a new class of nonthermal emitters

## Unidentified EGRET/TeV Sources



Plerions from Binary Compact objects accreting  $\ll L_{\text{edd}}$

Isolated accreting black holes

Winds and plerions associated with blazars?



## Black Hole Archaeology

$$M_{BH}, z, L_{rad} \Rightarrow \ell = L_{rad} / L_{Edd}$$

Measure  $M_{BH}$  from  $\gamma$ -ray variability • Stellar  
velocity  
dispersion  
Light crossing time-scale:  $10^4 M_9$  •  
sec • Reverberation  
mapping  
 $L_{iso}$  from  $\gamma$ -ray and multi-  
wavelength observations • Bulge/BH  
relation

**Jet opening angle:** variability  
analysis, multiwavelength modeling

# The life history of massive and supermassive BHs (within ADAF framework)

